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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1586, October 13-19, 2011

Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[repeated 1585 this week]
Thu 1500	WRMI	9955	[confirmed on webcast]
Thu 2100	WRMI	9955	[confirmed]
Thu 2100	WTWW	9479	[confirmed]
Thu 2130	WBCQ	7415	
Fri 0330	WWRB	5051 and NEW 3195	[confirmed]
Fri 0500	WRMI	9955	
Fri 1430	WRMI	9955	
Sat 0800	WRMI	9955	
Sat 1500	WRMI	9955	
Sat 1730	WRMI	9955	
Sun 0400	WTWW	5755	
Sun 0800	WRMI	9955	
Sun 1530	WRMI	9955	
Sun 1730	WRMI	9955	
Mon 0300v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB	
Mon 1130	WRMI	9955	
Mon 1530	WRMI	9955	
Mon 2130	WRMI	9955	
Tue 0930	HLR	5980	Hamburger Lokal Radio [NEW]
Tue 1530	WRMI	9955	

Wed 1530 WRMI 9955

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** ALBANIA. R. Tirana: it seems unlikely to me that a feed problem would result in all services being off the air for so long. I wonder if there are budget problems. Relays of CRI via Albania on MW & SW continue as normal (Dave Kenny, DX News, Oct BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) But they don't go thru the R. Tirana studio or budget at all (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[the following news came too late to include in WOR 1585,, but was included in DXLD 11-40:]

Unfortunately, I did not check 13625 for R. Tirana Oct 6 at 1430, but this just in from Drita «iÁo (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Today Radio Tirana back on air on SW via Shijak radio-station. My monitoring staff has just informed me that Radio Tirana in English to NoAm at 1430-1500 UT via Shijak r-stat is back on air. This after its interruption that started on 30 July 2011 and fully interrupted at the beginning of August up today, 6 October 2011.

Radio Tirana in Greek on MW via Fllaka R-stat at 1545-1600 was not broadcast. My staff informed me that Fllaka r-station has an order to not broadcast Radio Tirana programs on MW, yet.

Please, check the next programs according to A11 ALR schedule. Keep in touch, (Drita «iÁo, R. Tirana, 1621 UT Oct 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So here`s the full previous SW schedule:

ALBANIAN

0630-0900	daily	Eu	7390
2030-2200	daily	Eu	6165, 9860
2300-0030	daily	NAm	7425, 9860

ENGLISH

0030-0045	.twtfss	NAm	9860
0145-0200	.twtfss	NAm	7425
0230-0300	.twtfss	NAm	7425
0330-0400	.twtfss	NAm	7425
1430-1500	mtwtfs.	NAm	13625
1845-1900	mtwtfs.	Eu	7520, 13735
2000-2030	mtwtfs.	Eu	7465
2000-2030	mtwtfs.	NAm	13735

FRENCH

1730-1800	mtwtfs.	Eu	7465
1900-1930	mtwtfs.	Eu	7465

GERMAN

1930-2000	mtwtfs.	Eu	7465
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ITALIAN

1700-1730	mtwtfs.	Eu	7465
1900-1930	mtwtfs.	Eu	7520

SERBIAN

1800-1815	mtwtfs.	Eu	6015
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(WRTH May update via DXLD, WORLD OF RADIO 1586 [English portion])

Glad to hear R. Tirana again. I could not hear any signal at 1850 Oct 6 on 13735, but I was using the portable receiver. Greece 15630 however could be detected. From 1959, on the main receiver, 13735 was heard with opening in English altho poor signal, undermodulation, and still announcing wrong frequency 13640 for 2000 (Glenn Hauser, DX WORLD OF RADIO 1586, LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. Radio Tirana shortwave back on schedule as of today Oct 6

at 1430-1457 UT.

7464.981 kHz S=9+20dB in CeEUR and S=9+35dB in U.K., in Italian 1700 UT, and now till 1758 UT in French too.

All MW outlets of Radio Tirana on MW 1458 kHz ceased for interim til Oct 29, except - probably? - Serbian language section at 2015-2030 UT.

In B-11 winter season schedule some multiple repeat broadcasts will be deleted in future. All mediumwave relays of Radio Tirana programmes will be deleted then

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Serbian 1458 kHz at 2115-2130 UT, as well as TWR and CRI Beijing Relays on mediumwave via Fllake 1215, 1395, and 1458 kHz. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, Oct 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Bis 1943 UT st^rte ein ute Fl^tensignal bei 7463 kHz. RT Deutsch jetzt mit einem Landwirtschaftsbericht von Ibro und deutscher Ansagerin auf 7464.983 kHz, ein starkes Signal von S=9+35dBm um 1945 UT Oct 6. 73 wb

7464.982, Radio Tirana shortwave back on air Oct 6th, noted French at 1900 UT, and German 1930-1957 UT, S=9+35dBm powerful signal. This morning from 0630 UT RT in Albanian on 7389.981 kHz, female announcer, S=8-9 in Germany and Netherlands, S=9+30dBm in Vienna and Italy, on various remote SDR units (Wolfgang B,schel, Oct 7, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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RT Albanian language heard tonight 2030-21.58:40 UT on 6164.984 and 9859.971 kHz, both at S=9+30dBm level here in Western Europe.

7389.981 kHz, This morning Oct 7 from 0630 UT RT in Albanian, female announcer, S=8-9 in Germany and Netherlands, S=9+30dBm in Vienna and Italy, on various remote SDR units.

13624.962, R Tirana in English to U.K./IRL/NoAM at 1430-1458 UT Oct 7, S=9+15dBm, nx noted from 1432-1438 UT, like architecture projects of Italians in 1934. Press report at 1439 UT.

7464.982, R Tirana in Italian at 1700-1730 UT Oct 7, S=9+25dBm signal strength.

7464.979, R Tirana at 1900-1928 UT Oct 7, S=9+40dBm powerhouse, excellent condition tonight. (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 6/7, dxldyg via DXLD)

6164.983 / 9859.968, Radio Tirana in Albanian to all-Europe at 2030-2200 UT Oct 8: much better signal on 49mb, despite Chad Radio deep on background co-channel, S=9+15dBm.

9860v Signal on 31 mb suffers by low modulation level, only S=7 signal, weak signal on remote SDR units in eastern and western Europe tonight.

Also CRI Beijing MW relay in Polish language at 2030-2127 UT Oct 8th at Fllake-ALB MW site heard on usual odd channel 1457.796 kHz and accompanied by 204 Hertz tone against nearby 1458 kHz even broadcast from South Asian emigrants radio in London-GB (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 8 via DXLD)

Drita «iÁo notified that R. Tirana was back on SW as of Oct 6 at 1430 on 13625. I could not hear any signal from the next 1845 English broadcast at 1850 Oct 6 on 13735, but I was using the portable receiver. Greece 15630 however could be detected. From 1959, on the main receiver, 13735 was heard opening 2000 in English altho poor signal, undermodulation, and still announcing wrong frequency 13640!

Did not check further in the evening until 0254 Oct 7 when there was nothing on 7425, nor at 0330+; the 0230-0300 & 0330-0400 English broadcasts should have been audible if on.

Tuned 13625 Oct 7 and heard a weak carrier until 1405*, maybe a pre-tune-up by Shijak? Nothing else ever scheduled on 13625. 1429 on with IS, 1430 sign-on, S4-S9 averaging S7 but too weak to copy, the sounds of fading louder than the modulation. So it appears not all the former broadcasts are back on yet. For B-11, R. Tirana plans to eliminate the 15-minute English transmissions, among other reduxions and rescheduling.

13735, Oct 7 at 1841 open carrier, 1842 R. Tirana IS, 1845 English sign-on, so confirmed resumed, but too poor to copy. Is daily except Sundays.

7425, altho still missing UT Oct 7, was on Oct 8 at 0353 check with music, to conclude the 0330 English broadcast UT Tue-Sun.

[and non]. Is one R. Tirana transmitter/antenna down again? Monday Oct 10 at 2020, no signal on 13735. Altho 13640, the old frequency still being announced, bears India in French. And Romania in well starting

13800 at 2027 after QSY from 11970 until 2026:30*. Not much audible on 22m from the E Hemisphere except 13660 Arabic, which is BBC via Austria.

Also at 0033 Oct 11, no signal on 9860 for R. Tirana in English. Instead, 7425 is on with poor/fair signal. It's supposed to go off at 0030 after Albanian // 9860. So 7425 now substitutes for 9860? 7425 was on again as scheduled for the 0230 English. At 1431, 13625 audible, but poor signal with flutter altho modulation good this time (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello All, Very happy to hear Radio Tirana is back on shortwave. Fair signal here in Montreal this morning on 13625 Khz at 1430 UT slightly distorted audio but good copy (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, Oct 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

After the Germany - Belgium football match LIVE coverage in German TV, I switched on media from Albania:

1457.797 kHz, S=9+35dBm signal from Fllake-ALB at 1801 UT RT in German, at 1830 Turkish, heard Turkish at 1831 UT pop mx song heards, Turkish female announcer 1833-1838 UT. Transmission hit by co-channel Romanian station on even 1458 kHz.

1394.854 kHz, S=9+40dBm powerhouse from Fllake too, TWR Hungarian program in progress at 1837 UT, religious fanfare and organ, undoubtedly typical Hungarian religious female announcer.

7519.980, RT interval signal at 1845 UT, this TX unit must be wrong at present, not on normal signal strength level. Audio started suddenly late with many feeder audio breaks at 18.45:53 UT. Much, much better signal level noted, when switched to 13734.960 kHz at 1847 UT Oct 11, S=9+5dBm, heard on various remote rx units in Netherlands and U.K. 73 de (Wolfy, 1857 UT Oct 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6164.976 and 9859.971 kHz Deep nighttime program of RT in Albanian to all Europe with different signal strength on both meter bands.

On 9860v at 2130 UT Oct 11, S=8-9 fair signal of RT shortwave, contained modern popular music songs of 60ties or 70ties in Hodsha [Hoxha] dictatorship era. In contrast poor signal on 6165v kHz at 2145 UT, only S=5-6 in peaks. My strong guess is that one of the two units on Shijak site operates on lower power level of 20 to 30 kW range only these days. regards de Wolfy. btw. German team won 3:1 against Belgium, but Albania played only 1:1 remis against Romania's team at Tirana stadium tonight (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

R. Tirana monitoring: 13735, Oct 11 at 1856 confirmed on air, poor

with music concluding English quarter-hour.

9860, Oct 11 at 2157 NA, IS and off circa 2200 concluding Albanian sesquihour, which R. Tirana plans to eliminate in B-11.

9860, Oct 12 at 0031, English quarter-hour is back on correct frequency instead of 7425 where it was 24 hours earlier.

13625, Oct 12 at 1430, Only S7-8, JBA and undermodulated but I could recognize Klara's voice with transmission schedule. On contrary, Wolfgang B,schel says it was ``powerful, S9+30`` in Germany (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7389.983, Radio Tirana Albanian morning feature program logged at 0834 UT Oct 12, S=9+35dBm, powerful signal here in central Europe. Extended interview about R Tirana TX program history at 0835 UT, also about TV sports coverage history, at 0839-0840 UT. \\ 1394.856 kHz at 0845-0850 UT, which latter mediumwave signal heard in Bologna-Forli-Rimini Italy remote software defined radio receiver units. regards de Wolfy.

13624.961, RT, Shijak transmission in English, S=9+30dBm powerful signal this afternoon Oct 12. An extended information feature about Albania's EU contacts, economical figures with the Euro currency countries heard around 1438 to 1444 UT Oct 12.

About Albania's efforts on passport design strategy, EU market figures, total trading export figure from Albania is 80% to EU. About 73% in total is the import figure from EU states in 2010. Albania has got a lot of Million EUROS in past decade. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, I'm happy to report that I have my broadband back. I'm checking Radio Tirana, in order to record Albanian for Carrie Hooper. Today I recorded them at 2030 UT, which is a more convenient time for me than 23:00. I observed a few things.

From 2015, though the schedule said English, they had been having Serbian. Today they had English. I don't know if it started at 2000 or 2015. I will try to check tomorrow.

The frequencies and times for the Albanian transmissions, which had been read by a man, are now read by a woman. My grasp of rapidly spoken Albanian numbers is not good enough to get all the times, but, I did notice that, in addition to 1395 and 1458, they are announcing shortwave frequencies, sometimes two at a time. As we know, these are mostly "mythological" at this time. Carrie will be here this weekend, and I shall get her to translate all times and freq's for me, and I'll

send them to you. This announcement does seem a bit shorter than before, but, I can't tell what is left out.

The news readers seem to be different from those I usually heard at 2030. This is, of course, not conclusive, shifts may merely have been changed around. the voices I heard on the English, just before 2030, seemed to be the same ones I have heard before. More later, (Tim Hendel, AL, Oct 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Your news about Radio Tirana active again on SW made me very happy! After hearing KBC, a commercial station on 531 kHz Medium Waves, closing down there today to open tomorrow on short waves, I turned my attention to Radio Tirana with this result:

Transmission for Albanians abroad 2100-2200 UT, 2300-2400 our local summer time. 6165 kHz with SINPO from 54544 at first, deteriorating to 43533 as interference came up stronger. 9860 kHz with SINPO 55544 excellent reception. Audio quality fine on both channels. Listening on Sangean ATS 909 (small receiver) and indoor vertical 60 m antenna, thin wire tightly wound on 1.5 m wooden pole in my bedroom. Programme heard [Friday]:

2100 Calendar
2102 Albanian pop music
2105 Commentary on Albania and Europe
2112 Hip-hop style Albanian tune
2116 Message
2118 Light music tune
2122 Cultural news
2128 Light music tune
2131 Songs from the Second Albanian Radio-TV Song Festival in 1963, including tunes like "Àndrra ime" with Vace Zela and "FlakË e borË".
2158 Closing with the National Anthem.

I will appreciate QSL cards for the two frequencies. We have a QSL competition in the Swedish DX Federation and I collect all QSLs I can get! I will keep listening, especially to the Albanian broadcasts. Will try also the morning transmission when I have time. Kind regards from Sweden to you and all who know me at Radio Tirana (Ullmar Qvick, Oct 7, via Drita «iÃo, DXLD)

Reception of Radio Tirana morning transmission

Dear Drita: Attempts to listen to Radio Tirana at 8.30 your and our local time were not successful [0630 UT]. On 7390 kHz the signal was not very strong and the modulation level was a bit weak too. I had to rely on the German relay service on the web, which works very well. I am glad I could listen there; the programme was interesting:

Religious tolerance among Albanians. In the debate participated representatives for the religious communities in Albania, Kosova and Macedonia, also a link to Deutsche Welle was in action. There was general consensus, only with regard to the position of the Orthodox Church in Albania there was some debate, but Aleksis, representative of the Albanian Autocephalous Church, declared very clearly: Never utilize religion for political aims.

This statement of his is a sharp accusation against the Greek and Serbian Orthodox church, which always have and still very much use religion and orthodox institutions for their political aims. The leaders of the Greek Orthodox Church have always been enemies of Albania, they have also caused serious problems in Macedonia. Church leaders in Serbia are among the most aggressive forces against the Albanians of Kosova. So the principle not to mix religion and politics is excellent but regularly broken against.

This was a very interesting programme, I would have liked to hear it on the radio, but I am still grateful for the web service (Ullmar Qvick, Sweden [who understands Albanian], Oct 8, via Drita «iÁo, DXLD)

** ALBANIA. Hello, Drita, this question from a Danish journalist:

I have a question which someone at the technical department probably can help with. When in Tirana - on 74.08 MHz (possibly 74.075) - I heard Radio Tirana /RTS ñ but it was not in parallel to Radio Tirana 1 or Radio Tirana 2 or to 1458 kHz. Is it the audio frequency of a TV programme or is it a special service? Me respekt (via Klara [R. Tirana English announcer], Oct 10, via Drita «iÁo, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There are some local frequencies such as 95.8 with program 2 listed in WRTH. Not exactly, but maybe it was a receiver 2 x IF image, normally 21.4 MHz below the real frequency (gh, DXLD)

** ALBANIA [non]. PRESIDENT TOPI OF ALBANIA RECALLS LISTENING TO "REAL NEWS" ON VOA DURING COMMUNIST ERA --- Posted: 08 Oct 2011

President of Albania website, 6 Oct 2011, President Bamir Topi's speech marking the 20th anniversary of the re-opening of the United States Embassy in Tirana: "Of course, those years when hope came back to Albania are unforgettable. Close to me there is a voice which has been engraved in the memory and minds of the Albania, an unmistakable voice, that of Dr. Biberaj who through the Voice of America wavelengths awoke among the Albanians that feeling of hope which they had looked forward for about fifty years. I was a small boy when I watched my father at home, [in] a confidential setting, placing his ear close to the radio to listen to the real news broadcasted by the

Voice of America. We heard the real news about what was happening around the world; we listen to the most important events of world politics. I remember very well when we heard about the first man setting foot and landing on the Moon and other events as well. But the events accompanying the establishing of democracy in the former communist countries enabled us to fly and wonder around that space that was forbidden to Albanians: on the space of freedom. This is the reason why we are so grateful to the United States.
(kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

-- Elez Biberaj, originally of the VOA Albanian Service, is now director of the VOA Eurasia Division (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

** ANGOLA. R. Nacional de Angola heard on 7216.8 from tune-in at 2135 UT 24 Sept using a global tuner in South Africa. English-speaking DJ with fast music including dance and reggae, chat with listeners by phone in English and several IDs as ``the international service of Angolan National Radio from Luanda``. In Portuguese from 2200. Fair to poor signal in South Africa (Dave Kenny, ed., DX News, Oct BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** ANGOLA [non?]. Re the British Council English-teaching program reported by Angop via Media Network 10 September, M/W/F 1100-1115 UT until 5 Oct:

The SW frequency or time seems to be wrong; 9530 unheard when checked several time on a remote receiver in South Africa. R. Nacional de Angola used to use 9535; however, this transmitter has been defunct for several years (Dave Kenny, ed., DX News, Oct BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Did anybody ever hear this, anywhere? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** ANGUILLA. 11775, Oct 8 at 1317, missing, uncovering weak Asian signals instead; next check 1514, DGS is back on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, Oct 6 at 1234, no signal from LRA36. However, I retuned to 15475 with BF0 at 1243 and heard the 15476 carrier cut on at *1244:07 along with traces of modulation, so it's on again this Thursday. By 1308 inaudible, nor at 1328, 1358, so may have gone right back off if not outfaded.

15476, Tuesday Oct 11, no show from LRA36 at chex: 1243-1248 (as the Mexican national anthem was still flowing thru my brain after an hour of MW DXing); nor at 1315, 1323, 1358. Maybe Thursday (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15476, Tuesday Oct 11, as Glenn also noted, LRA36 was off the air today during good propagation; at 1408 hear both 15470 and 15480; at

1431 heard 15470 with good reception, while 15480 had signed off (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÚn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. Subject: [radioescutas] Se inauguró oficialmente el nuevo transmisor de LS11 Radio Provincia de Buenos Aires

El gobernador Daniel Scioli inauguró el pasado 05 de Octubre el nuevo transmisor de 100 Kilowatts, cuya inversión demandó \$3.698.535 y le permitir· brindar a Radio Provincia una mejor calidad de sonido y mayor cobertura en todo el territorio provincial. Contin'e leyendo esta nota en <http://gruporadioescuchaargentino.wordpress.com/> (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, 6 out radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Arnaldo, Rudolf, colegas: O novo emissora eliminou o harmÚnico em 2540 kHz que era regularmente sintonizado ‡ noite no Brasil? Estou sem condiÁies de testar por hora, mas estou curioso! (Huelbe Garcia, ibid.)

Huelbe e amigos: Eu cheguei a sintonizar este harmonico em 120 metros aqui em casa por algumas vezes. 73 e boas escutas! (Michel Viani - Osasco - SP, ibid.) before or after new transmitter?

** ARGENTINA. 15345.05, RAE, 1836, Oct 5. In English; news and sports; travel segment about bird watching; 1845 dramatic tango music; 1853 requests reception reports; IS and iRAE Argentina's IDs; mixing badly with assume Morocco (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÚn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15345.07, 5/10 2317, RAE, national music and songs, Spanish program, good (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan, Italy, RX: G33DDC Excalibur Pro - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Today, 12 October 2011, RAE Argentina is on 15345 exactly at 23:00z, rather than the recent 15344.2. Had not noticed this before. Fair to Good in Spanish (Bruce Jensen, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A fluke? They had been pretty close: see above two logs (gh, DXLD)

** ARMENIA. Trans World Radio observed since June on 1350 kHz with a revised schedule 1800-1915 (ex 1815-1930): 1800 Kurdish, 1815 Turkish (part English), 1845-1915 Hebrew, but on Fridays in Russian. Transmitter on 1377 has now been repaired and no longer transmits any motorboating sounds, for relays of Voice of Russia in Farsi 1600-1700 and TWR in Farsi, Arabic and other languages (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Medium Wave Report, Oct BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** ASCENSION. 21795-21800-21805, Oct 11 at 1249 DRM noise, fair signal

and not sure if would decode here, again at 1402. DRM Consortium press release (via Alokesh Gupta; see DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM below) tipped us on this ``First DRM Transmission for Southern Africa``, French at 12-13, English at 14-15, from a two-day conference by EBU at Brussels. Content was to be discussion of DRM from the conference, broadcast only on Oct 11. I believe Ascension has had DRM capability for a long time, but has not been using it. Nothing from ASC is on schedule here:

http://www.drm.org/broadcast_schedule

Remember several years ago, for a while, Ascension was DRMING of all things, BYU Radio from Utah (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ascension. DRM Consortium. 21800 English Bay. Oct 11, 2011, Tuesday. *1200-1500* I've never heard DRM and don't have a DRM receiver. But having read in DXLD about the interference it causes and the wide range of adjacent frequencies it wipes out, following the lead from Alokesh Gupta I tried to hear it. At my location the (presumably) unmodulated carrier at switch on appeared to make little difference to the background noise of hiss and buzz. It simply seemed to reduce the noise level by about 1 division on the s meter. The actual DRM noise, when it started, at first sounded a bit like a fax modem cutting on and off, but soon settled into a deep(er) hiss, just above the level of background noise on neighbouring frequencies.

If I hadn't known it was there I might have tuned right through it without knowing there was a transmission taking place. It covered approximately 21790 to 21807 kHz (it did not seem symmetrical about 21800), and it had no effect at all on Deutsche Welle via Kigali on 21780. By about 1430 the DRM signal level had increased somewhat, varying rapidly up and down from s6 to s9+10. The transmission was presumably aimed at a specific professional target audience, because it had zero advance publicity in my part of the world. I would be interested to hear if this was a successful DRM transmission from start to finish. Received on Drake R8. Jo'burg sunset 1613 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. Giovedì 6 ottobre 2011. 0546 - 6149.7 kHz, R. AUSTRIA INT. - Moosbrunn Musica classica. Segnale molto buono, 6155 empty: surely a tech problem. Battimento con R. Habana Cuba 6150 (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, bclnews.it yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

Austria - ÷1 on 6149.4v --- Yes, 6149.4 (it's not a typo, not 6154.9) Frequency varied continuously between 0527 and 0615 s/off. As previously mentioned, English and French are no longer aired (JM Aubier, France, Oct 6, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Moosbrunn was wandering in 49mb on Oct 2nd too --- 6155.033, ORF OE1 Moosbrunn program seldom on odd frequency, much Moericke and Rilke poet coverage, just heard with news and local Austrian weather at 0505 UT Oct 2, prediction on Indian summer weather 19 to 27 cC temp today. (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 2; Stuttgart sunrise at 0522 UT, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST) but only +33 Hz vs -5600 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Back on 6155 this Friday at 0515 (Jean-Michel Aubier, France, Oct 7, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, ibid.) Yes Jean-Michel, ORS/ORF Mossbrunn was back on even 6155.000 this morning (Wolfgang B, schel, 0520-0610 Oct 7, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AZORES. A«ORES, 828, Antena 1 AÁores, Monte das Cruzes, Flores island, reactivated (after an antenna breakdown back in June last), 2236-..., 07/10, relaying Antena 1 Lisboa, comments on the football match POR vs. ISL; 44433, QRM de E. I had recently reported on its reactivation scheduled for Thursday, 06/10, and it seems things did run well for the RTP. This small 1 kW transmitter served by a folded monopole with the VHF-FM antennae on top is back and with regular, strong signals. 73. (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, Bangladesh Betar, Khabirpur, Dhaka, heard around 0127, Sep 25, talk in Bengali about eye lenses, good signal (Gautam Kumar Sharma, Abhayapuri, Assam, India, DSWCI DX Window Oct 5 via DXLD)

4750, Bangladesh Betar, 1358, Oct 11. No trace of RRI Makassar at this time; only QRM from CNR1. Subcontinent music; distinctive bagpipes (marching band?); 1405 iAssalamu alaikum. Bangladesh Betarî and into the news in assume Bengali; poor. Edited MP3 audio <http://www.box.net/shared/7pano3kjo58utge6gpk1> (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4750, Bangladesh Betar, 1323, Oct 12. Another day in which I had no hint of RRI Makassar; just QRM from CNR1; subcontinent music; BoH iBangladesh Betarî; same format as yesterday at 1403 with distinctive bagpipes (marching band?); iAssalamu alaikum. Bangladesh Betarî and into the news in assume Bengali; poor to almost fair. What happened to RRI Makassar? Not that I am complaining, as it is very nice to be able to have some decent reception from Bangladesh (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BHUTAN. Listen to live coverage of Royal Wedding by BBS on 6035 kHz tomorrow, 13th Oct 2011, 0200 UT onwards. They are still using old SW

txer at 30 kW. Also BBS TV & radio live at <http://www.bbs.com.bt>

Related Links:

Bhutan's King to tie the knot tomorrow

<http://ibnlive.in.com/generalnewsfeed/news/bhutans-king-to-tie-the-knot-tomorrow/854524.html>

Royal Wedding Fever Hits Bhutan

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/royal-wedding-king-bhutan-makes-plans-marry/story?id=14707772>

(Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, Oct 12, dx_sasia via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Also in advance via the dxldyg; I tried around 0400 but no connexion, no doubt overloaded (gh)

** BOLIVIA. 6134.79, 6/10 0140, Radio Santa Cruz, nice songs, commercials, fair (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan, Italy, RX: G33DDC Excalibur Pro - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. ATT CLAUSUR" 35 RADIOS iPIRATASi ENTRE ENERO Y SEPTIEMBRE DE ESTE A-O

Entre enero y septiembre de esta gestin, la Autoridad de Fiscalizacin y Control Social de Telecomunicaciones y Transportes (ATT), clausur y decomiso equipos de 35 radios iilegalesi a nivel nacional, de las cuales casi un 80 por ciento operaban en la ciudad de El Alto, urbe en la que mas irregularidades se registraron debido a la proliferacin de estas emisoras que generan la saturacin del espectro electromagnÈtico, adems de interrumpir la normal difusin de las frecuencias legales. . .

FUENTE: <http://bit.ly/q108j2>

(Tomado de GAIA Noticias, La Paz, 10 octubre 2011, via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD) Apparently none of them were onda corta

** BRAZIL [non]. Re 11-40: C. Miranda report. Do you know she was actually Portuguese, not Brazilian?

http://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carmen_Miranda

73, (Carlos Gonalves, Portugal, Oct 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Says she was born in Porto, but family moved to Rio shortly after she was born, and she never returned to her native country (gh, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 9564.91, 6/10 0157, S'per Rdio Deus È Amor, usual sermons, weak

9645.38, 6/10 0149, Rdio Bandeirantes, sport talks, songs, commercials, fair // 11925.22. Stopped at 0159 by Radio Romania

International starting in Spanish

9675, 5/10 2355, CanÁ,,o Nova, Brazil, long religious talk in "Deus É Amor" style not Catholic! fair/good (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan, Italy, RX: G33DDC Excalibur Pro - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Pentecostal, then? No, Carlos below heard rosary (gh)

9675, Radio Canc,,o Nova, 2315-0015, Portuguese religious talk. Portuguese inspirational music. ID at 2333. No //s heard. Fair to good. Thanks to tips from Al Muick and Glenn Hauser. Oct 5-6. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

9675, R. CanÁ,,o Nova (recently reactivated on this fq), Cachoeira Paulista SP, 2128-2142, 08/10, rosary followed by program Novo Tempo, talks, songs; 45422. 9675 ditto, 1027-f/out 1045, 09/10, songs; 15331. 73. (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9819.76, R. Nove de Julho, 0106-0113 Oct 4. ID, then man with religious talk in Portuguese, lots of "EspÌritu Santo", etc.. Fair signal but a strong carrier came on at 0113 on 9820 wiping out 9deJ (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD) Greenville warming up for Special English 0130

9819.758 at 0530 UT Oct 7, undoubtedly Portuguese, R Nove de Julho, Sao Paulo-SP program. S=6 signal in southwestern Europe (Wolfgang B,schel, Oct 7, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 10000, 5/10 2334, ObservatÓrio Nacional, Brazil, IDs, weak (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan, Italy, RX: G33DDC Excalibur Pro - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 11735, R·dio Transmundial (presumed). Seeing as Zanzibar has not been heard on 6015 for a while now, thought I would double check this frequency for any new activity, but only heard this in Portuguese at 1803 on Oct 5 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11749.86, R·dio Voz Mission·ria, Cambori', S,,o Paulo. 2353 October 8, 2011. Braso-Portuguese male preacher. No ID, just a transmitter source log. Clear, low modulation.

11854.94, R·dio Aparecida, Aparecida, S,,o Paulo. 2346 October 8, 2011. Braso-Portuguese male preacher. No ID, just a transmitter source log. Clear, fair (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 11925.22, 5/10 2327, R·dio Bandeirantes, Brazil, talks about S,,o Paulo, (some QRM from HCJB via Chile in Portuguese on

11920 kHz with real strong signal 9 +20) (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan, Italy, RX: G33DDC Excalibur Pro - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Great frequency choice (gh, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 15189.963, R Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG, in Portuguese, poor S=4-5 signal, just on threshold level at 0548 UT Oct 7 (Wolfgang B. Schel, Oct 7, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6010 / 15189.95, R. radio Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais. 2240 October 8, 2011. Male with play-by-play presumed soccer. 6010 clear and fair, 15189.95 very good, but with weak, unidentified nearly co-channel on 15190. Any rumors of 15190v being dead are not true (yet). (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15190, Radio Inconfidência 0236 song "Georgiana", announcer in Portuguese talking about the program as "música bonita" (beautiful music), into a Portuguese ballad. Good. 10/12/11 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. SDR-COM and Brasil, this morning --- with an SDR and software SDR-COM plus a station list (e.g. EiBi), it's easy to filter e.g. "BRASIL", and to click all entries. By this, the following Brazilians were heard this morning from 0620 to 0640 UT:

15189.960, Inconfidência, 0=3-4

11815.031, Brasil Central, 0=3

11765.011, Deus É Amor, 0=4

9819.754, R. radio 9 de Julho, 0=2-3

9715.041, just an unmodulated carrier (Guarujá?) [no exist more - gh]

9675.002, Cancun Nova, 0=3-4

9645.381, Bandeirantes, 0=3-4

9564.911, Super Deus, 0=3

-- 73, (Nils DK80K Schiffhauer, DK80K, Germany, Excalibur, SDR-IP/GPS, Perseus, W-Code, 2 x 20 m active quad loop (90°), 42 m window, DX-One prof, Oct 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. 9695-9700-9705, Oct 7 at 0518, DRM noise I had not noticed before. That's because R. Bulgaria DRM here is scheduled Fridays only, in Bulgarian 0400-0700, 50 kW, 306 degrees from Kostinbrod. Not a good day to hear anything on 9695 or 9705. Now please tell us how many Bulgarians abroad have DRM receivers? At 0529, RB IS on analog 9600 prior to German service.

11600, Oct 12 at 0510, there R. Bulgaria goes again, kilowasting kilowatts with open carrier already 20 minutes before 0530 German service. But // 9600 not on yet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. Non-stop music isn't the future --- James Cridland's blog --- A radio futurologist writing about what happens when radio and new platforms collide -- Posted on Monday, October 10th, 2011 at 9:33pm. <http://james.cridland.net/blog/bulgaria-non-stop-music-isnt-the-future/> 73 (via Kim Elliott, DXLD)

** BURMA [non]. 11595, 5/10 2340, Voice of Democratic Burma [sic], via Gavar, Armenia, long talks, interview, fair/good (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan, Italy, RX: G33DDC Excalibur Pro - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMBODIA [non]. KAMPUCHEA/ PALAU, 9960, Khmer Post Radio via T8WH Palau, Oct. 7. 11, 1210 to 1259 sign-off UT. Noted with extensive talks about Kampuchea, Vietnam, UN Resolution, Pakistan's support, the Communist regime of Vietnam and influence, both by male and female speaker. Noted to 1253, possible sign-off announcements and a closing selection of Cambodian music played till the program was cut and went off the air, in mid-son. This was followed with a massive carrier from the Korean clandestine which came on after. Reception was one of the best this morning, after repeated attempts. Clearly good propagation to the Pacific rim (Edward Kusalik-Alberta, Canada, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Do you understand Khmer? (gh)

** CAMBODIA [non]. 9960, KPPM Radio (Khmer People Power Movement) via T8WH PALAU, *1200, Oct 8. A Saturday only program in assume Khmer; no pre-program ID this week for World Harvest Radio; 1201 usual iw-w-w dot k-p-p-m radio dot org; assume Khmer song. Also checked at 1256 to catch another song; 1258 covered by strong open carrier from WYFR (*1300 in Vietnamese), so unable to make out their sign off announcement (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Just returned from my almost annual visit to Rochester, NY. the multilingual station in Toronto on 1430 seems to have a stronger daytime signal than it did one year ago. Don't know if this is power increase or pattern change. Also, 1650 is not exclusively in English, as it had been. Sub-continent languages heard, maybe Hindi, Urdu, or who knows what. Some English still heard, however. didn't hear any blatantly Jamaican announcers, though didn't listen a full day round (Tim Hendel, AL, Oct 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 1430 CHKT, 1650 CINA

** CANADA. The CBC website has a search tool where you can find frequencies for their radio/TV outlets <http://www.cbc.ca/frequency/index.html> Unfortunately, you have to enter the city name to find out the frequency, and not vice versa. And if you click on "show all", it

lists a couple hundred places in BC. Not particularly useful for us DXers, unless you want to see if those LPRTs in your NRC log are still on 860 (Bruce Portzer, Oct 11, IRCA via DXLD)

** CANADA [and non]. 6070, 9/10, CFRX, Toronto, under Belarus, waiting when Belarus fading down, talks, poor, // CFRB via internet. Stopped at 0359 by DW starting on 6075 kHz (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: Excalibur Pro, ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. PIRATE, 6924.66 AM, Radio True North, 0433 to 0502 s/off Oct. 9. 11. Heard with a great program of music from 'Video killed the Radio Store' / 'Centrefold' (J. Gilles Band) 'More then a feeling', 'Tomorrow' and 'I promise You' Noted ID's and e-mail address, and said 'hello to Hector in California' (at 0441).

Mentioned that there was another pirate on 6925 at 0502 so he mentioned that he was switching to 6035(?) [6305] and went off the air. Signal was one of the best and audio was up there as well, best heard on a Trap-sloper cut for 6955 kHz. Also noted him earlier at 2345 to 0000+ on 6924.70 AM with strange Techno and Hip-Hop/Indian music. Noisy band conditions made copy rough (Edward Kusalik-Alberta, Canada, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That matches my observations of the 0502 collision, when I did not get any IDs (gh, DXLD)

** CANADA. 6305-, Oct 10 at 0507 rock music, soon to live DJ thanking us for reports; says he is having fun, mostly playing vinyl tonight, timecheck for 0507 UTC and this time clear ID as ``Free Radio, Radio True North``. S9+5 with occasional lite SSB QRM; 0508 ``Thank God, I'm a Country Boy`` by Denver; 0511 ``The Keeper of the Stars``. 0515 outro Keeper as by Tracy Byrd; says song reminds him of his girlfriend.

Meanwhile I had compared frequency to Cairo 9305 and found RTN slightly on the low side; but Cairo is a filthy blob. Also on low side compared to WWV 5000 BFO zeroing on YB-400. RTN carrier is also slightly unstable. 0516 TC as 0514 approx. At one point I heard a brief echo of his voice a few sex later; messing with tape recording, brought up playback head?

``If you live in Canada, it's our Thanksgiving Day``, two hours or one and a half until Monday now. (RTN has been reported many times before as Canadian, and seems definitely near west coast, but this could be a deception; nevertheless, I am filing it under CANADA instead of non-committal North America.)

0517 Mamas & Papas, ``Monday2``, a favorite of DXers; record skips

briefly lending credence to the vinyl claim. 0520 ``Against the Wind``, by Bob Seger. 0524 ID again and approx. TC as 0523, thanks for reports, having lots of fun tonight, spinning a lot of vinyl which he loves to share. Then Peter Schilling's ``Major Tom``. 0530 fading down if not out. Please QSL? To Glenn Hauser, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702 USA or wghauser @ yahoo.com Never heard RTN's e-mail address.

Tnx also to Bryan Clark, NZ, who confirms my Oct 7 log as RTN when it was on 6924.65 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST) viz.:

Glenn, Regarding your UNIDENTIFIED, I logged and positively identified Radio True North on 6924.65 from 0616 until 0633 closedown on 7 October. Earlier at 0530 there had been an open carrier on the frequency (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) New Zealand, AOR7030+ and EWES to North, Central & South America, Google Earth - 36.1170 S, 174.5670 E, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6190, Oct 10 at 0542, the usually very good signal from CRI English via Sackville now has a squeal around the edges. Another transmitter on the verge (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) And also following nites

** CANADA [and non]. (((THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT)))

The International Radio Report, celebrating its 23rd year on CKUT-FM, 90.3 FM in Montreal this month, is available via the Internet live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1430 UT). The show's co-hosts, Janice Laws and Sheldon Harvey, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting.

Visit the CKUT web page for full CKUT programming details.
<http://www.ckut.ca>

The International Radio Report is also rebroadcast on shortwave each week on Area 51 on WBCQ-The Planet, Sundays at 10:30 PM Eastern (0230 Monday UT) on 5110 kHz. You may also listen to archived editions of the programme through the CKUT web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport @ yahoo.com

international radio report 128 kbps Podcast:
<http://ckut.ca/cgi-bin/ckut-grid.pl?action=showaudio&show=sunday,10:30>
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, 11 Oct, playdx yg via DXLD)

** CHAD [and non]. 6164.961, French language football report from N'djamena noted at 0524 UT Oct 7. Selection by Chad, Mali national

teams. Station ID at 0529 UT. On same channel also monitored N'djamena at 2158:40 UT Oct 6th, when Radio Tirana, Albanian co-channel hit each other on nearby 6164.984 kHz \\ latter 9859.971 kHz, both S=9+20dBm. (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6164.96, RNT, 2200-2229*, French talk. Afro-pop music. National Anthem at 2228. Poor to fair with some adjacent channel splatter. Oct 9 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** CHINA. 5050, Beibu Bay Radio (BBR), 1230-1339, Oct 6. Special music concert with bilingual coverage (YL in Chinese and OM in Vietnamese); a few words in English: ithank youî and iexcellent showî; background sounds of the audience applauding; usual IDs; almost good reception. Oct 7 continues to have more Chinese programming than the normal Vietnamese as a result of it being their National Day Golden Week Holiday. No Ozy Radio yet (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) [more below]

4940, Voice of Strait, 1500-1530, Oct 8 ñ Saturday. Ex: 1505-1535. Pips; a few words in Chinese then into English; starts with multiple iVoice of Straitî IDs, but with one clear overlay of iVoice of Shanghaiî included (strange!); Saturday only program: iHello. Welcome to another edition of Focus on Chinaî; news stories from the past week; US Congress considering legislation about Chinaís currency, increase in value of Yuan, trade imbalance, Peopleís Bank of China, segment about National Day, etc.; 1516 IDs for both Voice of Strait and Focus on China; poor with light AIR Guwahati QRM; best at 1500 and fading down. In another 2-4 weeks should have much better reception.

5050, Beibu Bay Radio (BBR), Oct 8. With the end of the Golden Week Holiday they no longer had Chinese programming, but went back to their normal Vietnamese; noted at 1324 and 1424; fair to good.

6035, PBS Yunnan/Voice of Shangri-La, 1225-1235, Oct 8. Announcer and songs in Vietnamese; signal has steadily been improving the last few weeks; if and when Bhutan increases power here (DXLD 11-40) it will be a challenge to hear them clearly. So far no trace of BBS (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 15225v. Unidentified Chinese program station - against WHOM? Now in Aoki list as "15225 CNR 1 Jamming 0100-0300 daily Chinese". Strange carriers visible on Perseus browser display, like 15225.000 kHz, plus 15225.034 and 15225.068 kHz. Accompanied by 68 Hz buzz tone. CNR commercial advertisements at 0236-0238 UT (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, Oct 3, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 8 via DXLD)

** CHINA. 8400, Firedrake music Oct. 4, 1030. Very strong, with noted // s on 7970 (good) , 10300 (VG), and 11500 (good). (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, Slinky and Inverted "L", ABDX via DXLD)

Firedrake, Oct 7, before 1300: NOTHING found from 1247 to 1253, 7-19 MHz! Very unusual. See also TAIWAN 7970

After 1300, only a few:

14970, poor at 1324, none higher

14700, poor at 1324; none in the 13s, 12s, 11s; nor at 1358

10300, fair at 1326, 1359

7970, very poor at 1326; JBA carrier at 1359

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I believe I heard my first Firedrake at 14700 at 1350 at signal of 444 (Linda Powers, Gladwin, MI usa, Oct 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11500, Firedrake Oct. 8, 0930. Crashing and banging with no // audible.

10300, Firedrake, Oct. 8, 1020. VG, but with none of the usual //s audible at this hour (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, Slinky and Inverted "L", ABDX via DXLD)

Firedrake Oct 8, before 1300:

7970, poor at 1248

10300, good at 1252

11500, open carrier with hum, at 1252, i.e. not Firedrake but perpetual TAJIKISTAN SNAFU; no FD on 11510 either

11990, poor at 1253, underneath CNR1 jammer, // 10300

13920, JBA at 1256

14700, very good at 1256

16100, very good at 1258

After 1300:

16100, very good at 1324, none in the 17s, 18s

15900, very good at 1318

15285, very poor at 1323, vs het from 15288 V. of Tibet

14700, good at 1325

12230, good at 1326 --- a new spot, first log here, but first reported Oct 1 & 2 by Rick Barton, AZ, and Giampiero Bernardini, Italy

11990, no FD at 1327, just CNR1 echo-jamming now

10300, absent at 1328

7970, poor at 1329

After 1400:

17560, poor at 1413: vs V. of Tibet via Madagascar: unheard

Firedrake Oct 9 in the ChiCom noon hour:

13920, fair at 0447, none others found 10-18+ MHz until 0450

Before 1400:

10300, poor at 1351

13920, fair at 1351

14700, fair at 1352

15900, fair at 1353

16100, very poor at 1353, none higher

After 1400:

15795, fair at 1424 // 14970. Altho before 1315 AIR Mandarin service steady on 15795, gets hit by ChiCom jamming, at this semihour the target is Sound of Hope via Tajikistan, per Aoki jumping 15750-15795

14970, fair at 1424

13960, fair at 1424

12600, fair at 1426

10300, poor at 1426; no 7970

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISGTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Here are some Firedrake logs from today 10-9-11

10300, JBA 1320, 1335

11500, JBA 1322

12500, Strong 1249

13130, Weak 1249

12230, Strong 1355 New Frequency for me

13920, Good 1320, 1336

13960, Weak 1250

14700, Fair 1251, Strong 1323, 1335

15285, Fair-good 1324, 1336 along with weaker ipropelleri jamming on frequency at both 1324 and 1336 but signal gone when checked at 1338

15525, Good 1337 with het

15900, Strong 1251, 1325, 1337

16100, Fair 1252, Weak 1326, 1338

Hi Glenn, Today's Firedrake Log (10-10-11)

7970, Weak 1126, Good 1149

10300, JBA-Weak 1124, Good 1148

12230, Weak 1056, JBA 1119, Fair 1150 s/off 1200, Strong at 1256

15515, Weak 1358

Good DX (Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Firedrake Oct 10, big holiday in China, before 1300 a dozen:

17815, poor at 1252, first one heard today, unexpectedly right smack dab in the middle of the 16m band // 16980, vs what? All Aoki has on 17815, besides long-gone R. Cultura, Brasil, is CNR1 jamming at 11-12

only

16980, good at 1252

16700, very good at 1253, with flutter, like most of them

16100, very poor at 1254

14970, good at 1255

14700, very good at 1255

13920, very good at 1256

13130, very poor at 1256

12230, very good at 1257

11500, good at 1258

10300, very good at 1258

7970, very good at 1259, FD cuts to M&W announcements in Chinese
about 1259:30, cut off at 1300* after 3 pips of timesignal

After 1330, eleven: [but see also TIBET [and non] 15443]

17170, good at 1330; none in the 16s

15900, good at 1330

15525, good at 1330, vs 15528 VOT het

15285, good at 1330, vs 15288 VOT het

14970, very good at 1330

14700, very good at 1331

13960, fair at 1332

13920, very good at 1332; none in the 12s

11500, fair at 1333

10300, good at 1333

7970, good at 1333

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake, 10 Oct 2011, 1332-1348 UTC, memory scan then manual scan on
Eton E5 + indoor random wire antenna, 7000-14000 kHz

7970: good

10300: poor

1420-1423 UT, memory scan

10300: good

13970: good

(Eric Weatherall, San Francisco, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

8400, Firedrake Oct. 11, 0925. Fair, with noted // on 7970, also fair.
Only 7970 remained on recheck after 1030 (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ,
Hammarlund HQ-200, Drake R-8, Slinky and Inverted "L", ABDX via DXLD)

Firedrake Oct 11, before 1300, all with heavy flutter:

16980, very good [strong] at 1253; none in the 18s, 17s, 15s

14970, very good at 1255

13920, very good at 1255

13130, very good at 1256

12230, very good at 1256

11500, very good at 1257

10300, fair at 1258

7970, very good at 1259. I stuck here again today, and at 1300:07-1300:20* approx., cut from Firedrake to Chinese talk before cutoff

Before 1330:

15285, very good at 1320, vs VOT het on 15288

Before 1400:

18180, poor with flutter at 1357; no 17170

16100, very good at 1357; none in the 15s

14970, very good at 1358

13920, very good at 1358

13130, very good at 1358; none in the 12s, 11s, 10s, 7s

After 1400:

17570, good at 1408, vs what? Maybe V. of Tibet via Madagascar jumped from 17560, nothing heard there

15560, good at 1410 with additional noise jamming; presumably vs V. of Tibet via Tajikistan 15557 as in Aoki

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also EAST TURKISTAN

Hi Glenn, Here is today's Firedrake log Oct 12

7970, Weak 1229, 1250

12230, Strong 1224, 1251

12500, Strong 1225, 1251

13130, Fair-Weak 1225, 1251

13970, Strong 1226, 1252

14970, Strong 1226, 1252

15900, Strong 1227, 1253

16980, Strong 1228, 1254

Good DX (Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Oct 12, before 1300, all with flutter:

16980, very good at 1256; none higher

15900, very good at 1257

14970, very good at 1258

13970, good at 1258

13130, good at 1259

12230, good at 1259, heard a syllable of Chinese before 1300*

Started too late so none lower checked before 1300

After 1300:

15285, fair plus noise jamming at 1312 vs 15288 presumed V. of Tibet

Before 1400:

14970, very good at 1351; none higher

14700, very good at 1351

13130, very good at 1352

12230, good at 1353; none in the 11s, 10s

12105, good at 1352, new spot! ACI from WTWW 12100 Arabic. Target apparently KSDA Guam, all Chinese 11-16 (also KTWR 0930-1100)

7970, fair at 1357

After 1400:

17570, very good plus noise jamming at 1407, vs. V. of Tibet via Madagascar, neither on 17560 today; gone at 1420 recheck

14970, very good at 1422; none higher

13970, good at 1420

12500, very good at 1422

12150, good at 1424, unusual FD spot, first time here? 250 kW VOA is scheduled with degrees, but only in English:

12-13 daily, 270 from Tinang

13-14 Sat/Sun, 349 from Tinang

14-15 M-F, 270 from Tinang [but unheard]

15-16 daily, 315 from Iranawila

No FD in the 11s or 10s now

7970, good at 1427; none in the 9s, 8s; // 13970, 14970

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. 11730, CHINA, China Radio Int'l (unID transmitter), 1411 to 1446, English. 1411 China Drive program in progress, including a segment about OCB (obsessive compulsive behavior). This frequency is not listed on CRI's web site schedule, nor is it listed in HFCC, AoKi or EiBi. Anyone have any idea of the transmitter site? Fair. // 13740 via Habana. Good but distorted audio. 10/2/11 (Steven Handler, Buffalo Grove IL, Icom IC-7200, Tecsun PL-660 and Sony ICGF-7600GR using wire antennas, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Since R. Habana itself is supposed to be and is normally heard on 11730 at this hour, presume it was a mixup by them. I'll bet it was synchronized with 13740 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD) But not necessarily, as not all RHC programming is synchronized (gh)

** CONGO DR. CONGO-Kinshasa, 5066.3, R. TÊLÊ Candip, Bunia, 1720-1745, 08/10, French, unreadable talks, music; 35321. 73. (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR [and non]. VOA LAUNCHES CITIZEN JOURNALISM PROJECT IN CONGO --- Washington, D.C. 6 October 11, 2011 6

One hundred VOA-trained citizen journalists will fan out across the

Democratic Republic of Congo in the coming weeks in a pioneering social media project that will enhance news coverage of the November presidential election and provide a grassroots forum for key issues facing the country.

The citizen journalists, who are being trained by VOA project coordinators working throughout the French-speaking country, will use inexpensive mobile phones to post photos, videos and stories directly to special Facebook and Twitter pages set up for the project. . .
<http://www.insidevoa.com/media-relations/press-releases/VOA-Launches-Citizen-Journalism-Project-in-Congo-----131536623.html>
(VOA press release via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, DXLD)

** CROATIA. 24945-USB, Oct 11 at 1350, today's token 12m DX log is 9A2YM calling CQ 12 for a several minutes before he gets a reply from W9UAL who has moved to Florida. 9A2YM never gives his location, but name is spelt Steve. Alternates fonetix Alfa and Mike with America and Mexico, but Y always stays Yankee; shouldn't that be Yemen? QRZ.com lookup shows he misspelt his own name:

9A2YM

STEVAN KNEZEVIC

MIRNA 5

33520 SLATINA

Croatia

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 1620, CMKX, Radio Bayamo, unknown location; behind Rebelde, i...sta es CMKX, Radio Bayamo, cadena provincial de Granma; at first I thought of CMKD Juvenil, but HK had doubts about this. Further research reveals Bayamo is CMKX and has been heard in Sweden; personal first W[eaak?] 0500 27/8 (Andrew Brade, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, East Riding of Yorkshire, UK, AOR AR 7030 plus and Perseus SDR, Wellbrook phased array 290 , 305m beverage at 220 . Recording on Sony MZ-NH1 minidisc + Total Recorder, Oct Mediumwave News via DXLD)

** CUBA. 11760, Oct 8 at 1309, RHC open carrier, unlike modulated 11690, 11730, 11830, 12040. Still OC at 1316, 1328, as it vies with Indonesia (9525), Tajikistan (11500), Morocco (15345) et al. for honors in who-can-waste-the-most-watts contest (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Bauta - Corralillo (Revealing its re-incarnation) --- Hi all, Really pleased to see, in the latest GE imagery, the RHC Bauta site with 2011 imagery - finally!! Comparing the GE 2011 imagery to 2003 imagery we now positively see this site has been completely redeveloped. This is what I thought must have happened based on researched & DXer supplied notes, old GE imagery & in particular recent Panoramio images.

Looks like the early work for the antennas (land prep) began circa 2003. I think if memory serves me correctly it was 2002-2004 era that some of the RHC SW sites were upgraded. Though I think there are historical accounts of upgrades & reconstruction of sites (from hurricane damage) during the 2002 to 2006 era of Bauta & San Felipe sites primarily.

And Bauta is a larger site than I expected in terms of the number of antennas (mostly curtain arrays) 3 banks of curtain arrays & three 3 mast antennas.

WRTH Bauta GE ref: 22N57 082W33 - to the east of here.
Oh yes. Latest GE is now available re 5/10/2011 update :-)
(Ian Baxter, NSW, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

Re Bauta SW site. See the old antennas before 2003y marked in YELLOW colour, and the new antennas from 2006y marked in PINK colour.

maybe azimuth is also used for opposite direction
340 Winipeg / 160 BuenosAires degr,
310 Portland / 130 Belo Horizonte etc.

In addition 4 curtains at Quivic·n/San Felipe site:
additional 010 degr Washington/NY/Boston,
backwards 190 degr towards Caribbean,
centered CTR and surrounding GTM, Panama, Kolumbien. 73 (Wolfgang B,schel, with a jpg, DX LISTENING DIGEST

New photos of the Bauta-Corralillo Tx site, RHC.

[DSC02488]
<<http://www.flickr.com/photos/55577274@N05/6224676787/>>
[DSC02491]
<<http://www.flickr.com/photos/55577274@N05/6225198518/>>
[DSC02492]
<<http://www.flickr.com/photos/55577274@N05/6225201024/>>
[DSC02497]
<<http://www.flickr.com/photos/55577274@N05/6225203454/>>
[DSC02499]
<<http://www.flickr.com/photos/55577274@N05/6224687085/>>
[DSC02510]
<<http://www.flickr.com/photos/55577274@N05/6224689301/>>
(Lev Lytovchenko. 2009. Shortwavesites yg Oct 8, 2011 via DXLD)

** CUBA [and non]. Wiggle that patchcord! RHC with strong carrier on 13680, Oct 12 at 1428, but no modulation except for an undertrace of presumed R. Japan in Persian via France about to open at 1430. RHC

13780 also out of order but with barely audible traces of distorted modulation cutting in and out. Meanwhile, quick check of other RHCs found them modulating normally with frequency announcement at 1430: 15360, 15230, 11830, 11760, 11730, 11690. The 13s were still dead-air at 1447 and just before closing at 1459. Just another day at the incompetent RHC. It's always something.

If you want to see the antennas providing this disservice, Lev Lytovchenko has posted a number of photos of the Bauta-Corralillo site via the shortwavesites yg: [as above]
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. Release of one of ``The Cuban Five`` from a US prison throws a monkey wrench into RHC and websites such as this, which will have to be renamed/numbered? But they're still not satisfied:
<http://thecuban5.org/wordpress/2011/10/07/rene-gonzalez-released-from-marianna-prison/>

Meanwhile, RHC never mentions all the political prisoners IN Cuba; and they don't have a relentless US government propaganda campaign in their favor (Glenn Hauser, OK, Oct 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS. 21840-21865, Oct 10 at 1249, OTH radar pulses, presumed from here, not far enough away from QRMd 21840 DW German via Portugal.

Further confirming propagation on mostly vacant 23-25-MHz band: 24585-24610, and 23775-23810, Oct 10 at 1348, more matching OTH radar pulses. See also UNIDENTIFIED CODAR

24788-24813, Oct 12 at 1414, OTH radar pulses, presumed from here; no others heard between 23 and 26 MHz, but there was CODAR above 25; see UNIDENTIFIED (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DENMARK. Discussion of merits of longwave: see U K re Radio 4

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 1640, Radio Juventus Don Bosco, Santo Domingo; very weak and crackly, *la voz de la ?*, Radio Juventus 1,640 AM *W[eak?]* 0400 28/8 (Andrew Brade, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, East Riding of Yorkshire, UK, AOR AR 7030 plus and Perseus SDR, Wellbrook phased array 290 , 305m beverage at 220 . Recording on Sony MZ-NH1 minidisc + Total Recorder, Oct Mediumwave News via DXLD)

1640, Radio Juventus Don Bosco, Santo Domingo; *i*Evangelista Don Bosco *i* by man [SIO] 222 0401 31/8 (Maurits van Driessche, Zele, Belgium. Perseus and R&S EK07/D2, Super Kaz 275 and 75 , MFJ 1026, 2 x preamp 20 dB, DBX 1215, Edirol UA-25EX (new, works great), Oct Mediumwave News via DXLD)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 1680, HISV, Radio Senda, San Pedro de Macoris; I could just about hear iÖ Rep'blica Dominicana, Esta es HISV 1,680 Radio Senda; at 0401 the National Anthem iQuiqueyanos valientesî was heard; vW [very weak?] 0400 28/8 (Andrew Brade, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, East Riding of Yorkshire, UK, AOR AR 7030 plus and Perseus SDR, Wellbrook phased array 290 , 305m beverage at 220 . Recording on Sony MZ-NH1 minidisc + Total Recorder, Oct Mediumwave News via DXLD)

1680, HISV, R Senda, San Pedro de Macoris; iEn San Pedro de Macoris, Rep'blica Dominicana, Esta es HISV Ö.. Radio Senda, la emisora de la unidad Cristianaî W/F [weak/fair?] 0400 28/8 (Paul Crankshaw; Troon, Ayrshire, UK, Perseus SDR, EWE antenna (300 degrees), RPA-1 preamp, Oct Mediumwave News via DXLD)

1680, HISV, Radio Senda, San Pedro de Macoris; ID i Radio Senda i by man 222 0401 31/8 (Maurits van Driessche, Zele, Belgium. Perseus and R&S EK07/D2, Super Kaz 275 and 75 , MFJ 1026, 2 x preamp 20 dB, DBX 1215, Edirol UA-25EX (new, works great), Oct Mediumwave News via DXLD)

** EAST TURKISTAN. Altho the higher bands were just about dead before sunrise here, then they opened up including lots of very fluttery Chinese signals, besides Firedrake, which I associate with likely Kashgar site, like listed CRI on 17490, 17690, etc., such as: 17545 // 17705 at 1252 Oct 11, triumphal orchestral music, probably still a centennial ceremony on CNR1, 1252 Chinese announcements. Aoki says 17545 is CNR1 jamming at 1200-1300 only, but unknown against what, while 17705 is blocking AIR Mandarin service, of course.

15330 at 1321, also CNR1 jamming, // weaker 21590, both vs BBC Uzbek semihour, via Oman and Cyprus respectively per HFCC and Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA [and non]. 15189.97, 5/10 2308, R·dio Inconfidência, Brasil, long talk, music, commercials, web address, fair

15190, 7/10 0711, Radio Africa, Bata, Equatorial Guinea, nice African songs, English, fair (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan, Italy, RX: G33DDC Excalibur Pro - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Giampiero, Whenever I see a log of R. Africa on 15190, I want more details, something definite. It's been missing since April or May, and some (all?) of the logs since then have surely been mistaken.

Going by lists, one could easily pick it from the 15190 entries: not in HFCC, of course, and nothing else at 0711. Aoki shows it as daily at 0530-1200 and 1415-2300, but we know how irregular it was when

active, and how Aoki keeps in outdated info. EiBi has it at 06-12 and 14-23.

What else? EiBi has R. Inconfidência as 24 hours, and Aoki has it as 09-06 which means it would have been off at the moment, but which is right? That's missing too from HFCC, of course.

``Nice African songs, English`` ?? Previously R. Africa specialized in playing tapes of widely variable quality from nothing but American gospel huxters. Did you hear some announcement, anything tying this to R. Africa, even an ID??

If it is making a comeback, conceivably it may be, perhaps testing, with something else. I check the frequency just about every night, tho not after 0700, and many afternoons, and there has still been no sign of it here.

As for the frequency, ZY is well-known to be off to the low side and you have it on 15189.97 at 2308 (when WYFR is also on), but did you measure the frequency of R. Africa as 15190.00, so that would rule out the ZY? (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Agree with Glenn, only the Brazilian station noted in past weeks, never religious Equatorial Guinea 15190!

15189.963, R Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG, in Portuguese, poor S=4-5 signal, just on threshold level at 0548 UT Oct 7 (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 7)

But very weak signal, even could only identify Portuguese language and program format, though. Similar co-channel difficult identification happens on 9820v Eritrea and Brazil, but both signals a little bit stronger and HoA and Brazilian program format differ much.

15189.939 wandered to 15189.933 kHz at 2124 UT Oct 8 in Brazilian Portuguese, S=7 signal, of football game live coverage by female and male reporter. Calibration checked against 15 MHz WWV, Fort Collins, Colorado. 73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Furthermore, some Brazilian music could easily be mistaken for African. And Inconfidência has been known to make an occasional English announcement. (And WYFR even when in Portuguese service.) 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.) See also USA: WYFR. No reply from GB about this

** ERITREA. 9720.03, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, 0308-0330, Horn of Africa music. Vernacular talk. Poor to fair with occasional adjacent channel splatter. // 7130.03 - weak but readable. // 7174.99 - good. Oct 5 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

Hi Glenn, some bits and pieces deriving from my recently much reduced DX activity:

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, there was quite an instructive anomaly: Seems the engineer was late for sign-off or, if this was scheduled, audio was much too low or missing. After 1800, five fair/weak empty carriers were noted on 4770, 5955, 7130, 9720 and 9820, all signing off at 1844. ERI-2 on 7175 signed off as usual at 1800, being // to at least 9820 before. On Wednesday, back to normal 1802 sign/off (7130 missing, 5955 see UNID), Thursday 4770 and 7130 off at 1805, but 31m carriers remaining til 1810 at least. 7205 seems to be as usual, makes it seven ERI transmitters at least. Old 5060 not heard recently, also no others on 40m. If there's more transmitters, 5945 or 5980 would be a guess, but unconfirmable here. But wait a minute --- there was an unid 11510 log in DXLD 11-38 Sept. 21. That might fit, however ERI never heard on 25m as far as I know.

Also, after several months of inactivity, africalist is back to regular updates now. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, M_unster, Germany, <http://africalist.de.ms> Oct 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [and non]. ERITREA/ETHIOPIA/SUDAN 7130v/7175v/9820v, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, same program at 04-05 UT slot. Report from the ERI / ETH to be at radio war front:

Log Oct 2nd:

9820.030, Horn of Africa music at 0409 UT Oct 2. \\ 7130.027 kHz at 0416 UT, no jamming from ETH heard at 0420 UT, but jamming came on air later at 0450 UT, mostly 9 to 12 kHz broadband noted here in Europe, but seemingly on HoA target much stronger interference occur.

Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea much strongest signal on \\ 7174.992 kHz on 41mb, S=9+10dB strength at 0421 UT, at 0450 UT also be jammed. At 0556 UT still visible on SDR unit screen on 7174.989 kHz.

7204.983, Voice of Broad Masses, Dimtsi Hafash in Tigrinya from Asmara Eritrea, at 0454 UT.

Strongest 41 mb signal from SDN/HoA area at 0423 UT is R Omdurman Sudan on 7200.003 kHz on-the-air. Ethiopian Radio Fana on adjacent 7210.002 kHz at 0427 UT.

Log Oct 3rd:

Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea much strongest signal on 7174.992 kHz on 41mb, S=9+20dB strength at 0318 UT Oct 3. No signal noted on 7130v kHz today Oct 3. But noted a very poor signal of S=3-4 and peak on 9720.030 kHz at 0329 UT instead. Usual Eritrean program on 9820.031

kHz at 0325 UT, hefty interfered by Brazilian station on 9819.761 kHz nearby.

7204.981, Voice of Broad Masses Dimtsi Hafash in Tigrinya from Asmara Eritrea, at 0319 UT Oct 3 (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, Oct 2/3, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 8 via DXLD)

9720.03, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, 0303-0315, vernacular talk. Horn of Africa music. Weak. // 9820.03 - fair. // 7130.03 - weak. // 7174.99 - fair to good. Oct 9 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

7175, 9/10 0325, Voice of Broad Masses, Horn of Africa Music and talks, good (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: Excalibur Pro, ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

and 9820.038 S=7-8 signal and 7174.990 S=9+20, VoBroad Masses Asmara ERI in Arabic, both total jamming FREE tonight at 1730 UT Oct 12. All heard of remote SDR units in western Europe. 73 (Wolfgang B.schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 6030, Radio Oromiya, *0322, Oct 11 (Tuesday). On with repetitive xylophone/marimba sounding IS till 0329; poor due to R. Marti QRM, but Cuban jamming not a problem. Good propagation. Unusable after 0329. Normally I can only make this out on a Monday (UT) when R. Marti and Cuban jamming are off the air after 0300 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 7210, 9/10 0320, Radio Fana, talks & music, fair // 6110 good (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: Excalibur Pro, ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 9560.10, Radio Ethiopia, Geja Jewe. 1415 October 9, 2011. Clear, fair on peaks with language female briefly (listed as Arabic in the 1400-1500 block), lots of Horn of Africa vocals with flutes, pretty much fading to useless by 1440 (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. ESAT LAUNCHES SHORTWAVE BROADCAST TO ETHIOPIA
October 7th 2011 ESAT Press Release
http://www.ethsat.com/ESAT_Radio_Launch_Press_Release_07_Oct_2011.htm

The Ethiopian Satellite Television is pleased to announce the launch of a daily shortwave radio broadcast to Ethiopia. In the past few weeks, ESAT has successfully transmitted test broadcasts.

With a view to overcoming the illegal jamming and airwaves piracy that the Meles regime has continued with utmost intensity, ESATís

management made a decision to transmit ESAT's programs on multiple platforms. ESAT's shortwave radio, which will have a significant reach to the people of Ethiopia, will be another addition to ESAT's unwavering efforts to reverse the information blackout deliberately created by the Meles Zenawi regime.

ESAT firmly believes that freedom of expression is a powerful means of ultimately defeating tyranny, corruption, abuse of power, human rights violations, inequality and bad governance. With a conviction to reach the people of Ethiopia with quality content, ESAT's shortwave broadcast will be on air daily on 15370 kHz, 19 Meter Band, 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Ethiopian local time). Additional frequencies will be available subject to the effect of signal interference.

ESAT is also finalizing preparations to launch multiple broadcasting platforms. ESAT will be available soon on IPTV, a system that will deliver our broadcast on TV sets around the world. Our viewers will also be able to watch our broadcasts on smart phones.

ESAT's online transmissions will soon be upgraded with a new user-friendly website that will not only webcast our live broadcasts 24/7 but will also have video-on-demand with our huge collection of archives. Our online transmissions via ESAT's website will also be available in Flash Player, which is compatible with all the major web browsers.

Most importantly, ESAT is making unrelenting efforts to resume its satellite TV broadcast to Ethiopia. ESAT is committed to delivering its promise to serve as a conduit for citizens to express their opinion freely, to access reliable information and to play its part in the struggle to build a democratic country with Ethiopia's first independent satellite television service. As Al Jazeera has changed the media and socio-political landscape in the Arab world, ESAT will also be opening new avenues for Ethiopia with the power of 21st media technology.

With the continued support of our people in and outside of Ethiopia, ESAT will fulfill its missions.

We shall prevail! ESAT Management (via gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

Unless Ethiopia's weird clock system confuses us, that would be 17-18 UT. 15370, what site, what broker? (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

15 MHz from Moldova or Armenia to Horn of Africa is too high in our winter season, which site does TDP prefer? Issoudun would be the better match on 15 MHz. Ivo in Bulgaria mentioned Moldova and Armenia. 9 or 11 MHz would be the better solution in winter B-11, but they

speculate to AVOID Ethiopian JAMMING sound, when using higher 15 MHz channel. 73 wb (Wolfgang B_schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Transmission on 15360 is Voice of Asena in Tigrinya 1700-1800 Mon/Wed/Fri. Transmission on 15370 is E-SAT Radio in Amharic 1700-1800 Daily and 1830-1930 Sat or Sat+Sun. Check on Oct. 9

FYI, Tentative winter B-11 schedule of E-SAT Radio in Amharic via MOLDOVA:

1500-1600 on 15730 KCH 100 kW / 180 deg to EaAF, alt.15460 & 15700
1700-1800 on 15700 KCH 100 kW / 180 deg to EaAF, alt.15660 & 15680

Also tentative via ARMENIA:

1500-1700 on 11755 ERV 300 kW / 192 deg to EaAF
1600-1800 on 15360 ERV 300 kW / 192 deg to EaAF
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, via B_schel, DXLD)

IBB monitoring in Amharic:

2011-10-06 17:06:53 capture: AM 15370 (XXX) TDP AMHA
2011-10-06 17:07:14 email: 1110061706@ADDI15370TDPAMHA.mp4

2011-10-06 17:36:53 capture: AM 15370 (XXX) TDP AMHA
2011-10-06 17:37:14 email: 1110061736@ADDI15370TDPAMHA.mp4

and also IBB monitoring in Tigre:

2011-10-07 17:37:16 capture: AM 15360 (XXX) TDP TIGR
2011-10-07 17:37:37 email: 1110071737@ADDI15360TDPTIGR.mp4

2011-10-07 17:07:16 capture: AM 15360 (XXX) TDP TIGR
2011-10-07 17:07:37 email: 1110071707@ADDI15360TDPTIGR.mp4
(Wolfgang B_schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15370, Oct 9 at 1700, quite weak signal but something is there, now scheduled daily 1700-1800 as new clandestine broadcast by ESAT (Ethiopian Satellite Television, radio side). See http://www.ethsat.com/ESAT_Radio_Launch_Press_Release_07_Oct_2011.htm

Last month it had tested various frequencies in the 15.7s. Site uncertain now; Wolfgang B_schel suggests via TDP, Issoudun, France? Ivo Ivanov suggests Armenia or Moldova. Weaker here than e.g. 15380 listed as IBB, 250 kW via Nauen, Germany. France should be more audible here if 15370 be thence. 15370 is bound to be jammed, and ESAT say they will add more frequencies if necessary. Wolfgang says there may be an additional transmission on Saturday and/or Sunday at 1830-1930.

15370, Oct 9 circa 1900, no signal detectable, so assume ESAT clandestine did not have an extra 1830-1930 broadcast this Sunday; cf

previous report. Anyway daily at 1700-1800 via ??

15370 checked again Oct 10 at 1702, very poor signal with talk but can't copy anything; much better tho only fair signal from 15300 RFI, which is certainly Issoudun, with Aoki and HFCC more or less agreeing it's 500 kW at 155 plus another 500 kW at 190 or 195 degrees.

15370, another check Oct 11 at 1700 for ESAT Radio clandestine, again too weak to copy but now there is some noise/hash on the low side, jamming started? Or maybe local. Nothing on website yet about additional frequencies. This page has audio of the last three broadcasts: <http://www.ethsat.com/index.htm>
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [and non]. Re 7200: 7205 Ethiopian white noise jamming hit Asmara Eritrea and also co-channel Radio Liberty Lampertheim in Russian service. 1400 UT, Oct 8. Above logs all on remote SDR receiver reception in Finland and Russia. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERITREA/ETHIOPIA, Ethiopian white noise jamming at present on 7130 kHz (7119-7141) and similar on 7205 kHz against Asmara Eritrean services like V of Broad Masses, on 7204.985 kHz, as well as 7130.026 kHz and much stronger on 7174.990 kHz, latter is in the clear - no jamming at present. 73 wb (B,schel, 1549 UT Oct 8, ibid.)

** EUROPE. Hi Gents, These loggings are from our Bakerís Island-Salem, MA DX-pedition Attendees: Chris Lobdell, John Fisher [the Massachusetts one].

Europirate-Ireland, Irish Music Radio, 6930 AM, 2123 fade in-2140+, 10-08-11, SI0: 121. Pop mx, ID by OM, jingle. Went downhill shortly after fading in. [Lobdell-MA]

Europirate-Holland. Radio Powerliner Intl, 6305 AM, 2142-2343*, 10-08-11. SI0: 232/343, iI Walk The Lineî by Johnny Cash 2139, Dutch Pop and polka tunes. Mentioned the ioriginal Snapple Manî from Finland?! Full ID, email 2200. [Lobdell-MA]

Europirate-UNID. 6310 AM, 2250-2312 10-08-11. iRoxannaî by Toto at 2309. Faded and never caught ID. Ideas anyone? [Lobdell-MA]

Europirate-Holland. 6290 AM, 2327-0014+, 10-8/9-11, SI0:444 Killer signal with iCall Meî by Blondie.. Borderhunter giving email borderhunterrado@hotmail.com [Lobdell-MA]

Location: Bakers Island, Salem, MA; Receiver: Eton E1; Two random long wires (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180, Cumbre DX via

DXLD) See also NORTH AMERICA

** EUROPE. 6290, EUROPIRATE, Radio Borderhunter. 2305 October 8/9, 2011. Starting weak, SSTV mode sent at 2319, accented English male DJ ID at 2326, 2334 "The Final Countdown" by Europe; SSTV send again at 2344, "Ring Of Fire" by Johnny Cash at 2346; 0001 Supertramp "Dreamer"; 0016 "Call Me" by Blondie. Fairly decent signal at peaks.

6303, EUROPIRATE, Radio Powerline. 2310-2316* October 8, 2011. Euro-pop music, accented English male DJ, off at 2316. Clear but poor.

6305, EUROPIRATE unidentified. 2337-2343* October 8, 2011. This one seemingly popped up not long before discovery with "Same Old Song" by The Four Tops, into "Mony, Mony" by Tommy James & the Shondells, then male with a quick "This is (not copied -- seemingly two syllables -- "C" or "Sea" something?)" and abruptly off. Good.

6420, EUROPIRATE, Radio Papagayo. 2300-2302* October 8, 2011. Tune-in to music fill, male ID at 2302, "You're listening to... Radio Papagayo..." and transmitter off. Fair (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. 6970, 8/10 0000, LHH, Laser Hot Hits, Pirate, nice songs, some talks in English, fair (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: Excalibur Pro, ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ESTA«'ES PIRATAS: 6970, Laser Hot Hits, G?, IRL?, 1202-..., 09/10, English, talks, pops; 15331. 73. (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE [non]. AN ITEM ABOUT R.E.M.'S "RADIO FREE EUROPE" THAT ACTUALLY REFERS TO RADIO FREE EUROPE. Posted: 08 Oct 2011

Long Island Herald, 6 Oct 2011, Scott Brinton: "Then there was my favorite group, R.E.M. The alternative-rock band was formed in 1980 by four 20-something University of Georgia undergrads ññ lead singer Michael Stipe, guitarist Peter Buck, bassist Mike Mills and drummer Bill Berry. Their first hit single, 'Radio Free Europe,' was released in July 1981, when I turned 14. It caught my attention during my junior year of high school, in 1984. I wasn't sure what Radio Free Europe was at the time, but I loved the song's frenetic, jangly sound, and the group performing it appeared normal to me. That is, the four seemed nerdy, and they weren't promoting sex and drugs as an integral part of rock and roll.

I later learned that Radio Free Europe was the news/propaganda broadcast that the U.S. government beamed from West Germany to Eastern Europe during the Cold War to encourage people to overturn communism

and seek democracy. In 1991, at 24, I joined the U.S. Peace Corps. I count listening to Radio Free Europe in a democratic Bulgaria, where I served in the corps, as one of the great moments of my life. Now turning 60, Radio Free Europe is based in the Czech Republic and still going strong. But I digress." (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

I've heard "Radio Free Europe" [see YouTube video]
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icGOLDJv08c&feature=related>
a few times over the years, and could never understand why it was a hit. But that's just the geezer in me. And as for the lyrics
http://www.lyricsfreak.com/r/rem/radio+free+europe_20115285.html

my reaction would be similar to that
<http://vivblogs.blogspot.com/2009/07/vogon-poetry.html>
of Arthur Dent and Ford Prefect in Douglas Adams's The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, tied up on a Vogon spaceship, forced to listen to Vogon poetry ("the third worst poetry in the Universe"), then compelled to offer a critique of the poem in a bid to save their lives:

"Ford: I liked it. Vogon Captain: Good. Arthur: Oh yes, I thought that some of the metaphysical imagery was particularly effective. Vogon Captain: Yes? Arthur: Oh. and um, interesting rhythmic devices, too, which seemed to counterpoint the, er. Ford: Counterpoint the surrealism of the underlying metaphor of the, um. Arthur: Humanity of the er - Ford: Vogonity. Arthur: What? Ford: Vogonity. Arthur: Oh. Oh! Vogonity. Sorry. Of the poet's compassionate soul which contrived through the medium of the verse structure to sublimate this, transcend that and come to terms with the fundamental dichotomies of the other. And one is left with a profound and vivid insight into. Ford: Into whatever it was. Ford: That the poem was about. Arthur: That the poem was about!"

-- But that's just the carbon-based ape-descendant in me (Kim Andrew Elliott, *ibid.*)

** FALKLAND ISLANDS [non]. ARGENTINA: VETERANOS DE MALVINAS CON PROGRAMA DE RADIO <http://www.cecim.org.ar>

El Centro de Excombatientes de Malvinas de La Plata, CECIM, pondrá al aire mañana a las 22 su primer programa de radio. Se llamará Malvinas: memoria, presente y futuro. Se irá los miércoles por AM 1390 Radio Universidad Nacional de La Plata. Con la producción periodística y conducción del periodista Duilio Ferro, la audición se podrá escuchar por internet en <http://www.radiouniversidad.unlp.edu.ar>

FUENTE: <http://bit.ly/nAqey9> (Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** FINLAND. 08/10/2011 1143, 25000, MIKES Time Signal, ESP00, bip bip time signal (Mauro - Giroletti, -Swl 1510-, -IK2GFT-, bclnews.it yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

25000, Center For Metrology & Accreditation MIKE [Standard Time & Frequency Station], Espoo. 1258-1315 October 8, 2011. Co-logged here in Clearwater and with David Crawford in Titusville, FL while on live chat, we both being very surprised to hear this one, and I must wonder if these are the first-ever North American logs. Russian taxis on several 26 MHz channels in FM were in, prompting a check of 25 MHz. Listed as a mere 100 watts, AM, but seems to be USB plus carrier or some variant. No voice announcements noted, seemingly doesn't have any, just 1000-cycle pulses and carrier shifts, and very weak mostly. Completely lost here by 1315.

WRTVH 2011 states this is "intended for local service only. Projected to move to 2500 kHz, subject to international frequency coordination." So, my apologies to MIKE for hearing it beyond their locale. I wonder why they wouldn't just move it to FM BCB at say 100-250 watts, if they really want it to be local, instead of 2500 kHz which -- gasp! -- might be heard too far away. No trace of it the next day, same circa. Very happy to catch this one (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Actually, 100 watts is plenty, as we hear lots of European hams on 10 and 11 m now. As long as there is no WWV on 25 MHz, it should have a clear shot (except on the FRG-7/Wadley loop design with birdies every exact MHz (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

** FINLAND. Scandinavian Weekend Radio last transmission of the year

Re 11-40: ``SWR now on air --- 11690, Scandinavian Weekend Radio, Virrat, 1550-1557, 01-10, SWR now on air with the last program of the year. Listened with pop music program, comments in Finish by male and identification: "Scandinavian Weekend Radio". At 1557 CRI began transmission on the same frequency and eclipsed SWR. SINPO 24322. On the air till 2100 UT, frequencies: 11720, 11690, 6170 y 5980 kHz, depending of the hour. Web: <http://www.swradio.net/index2.htm> (Manuel M endez, Lugo, Spain, Log in Friol, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Did they say it was the last of the year? Normally first Saturday every month plus some holidays. I don't see anything about that on website (gh, DXLD)``

Hi Glenn. Yes, before the 30 September-1 October transmission began, in the SWR website announcing that it will be the last program of the

year. Now this information has been removed from the website. 73,s
(Manuel M endez, Spain, Oct 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST) a little too cold?

** FRANCE. 5915.008, TWR Monte Carlo program from transmitter site Mt
Agel-Fontbonne in France, endless TWR interval signal from 0539 UT to
0545 UT Oct 7, when TWR Polish service started. Powerful in western
Europe on S=9+30dBm level (Wolfgang B,schel, Oct 7, wwdxc BC-DX
TopNews, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Also on 7220 (gh)

** FRANCE. Frequency change of Radio France International in Russian:
1500-1530 NF 11670 ISS 500 kW / 080 deg, inregistered freq, ex
15215//13630 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 10 Oct via DXLD)

** GAMBIA. G-MBIA: 648, GRTS, or more commonly known as R. Gambia, in
Bonto, is still putting a dreadful audio as observed on 08/10, 2208-
..., talks in vernacular, possibly a news bulletin, very strong, but
hardly readable; 44433 reflecting the signal only, not exactly the
content, QRM de E as usual. 73. (Carlos Gon alves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg
via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Erinnerung: KBC-Tests --- Guten Abend, Kleine Erinnerung,
ich hatte n mlich alles vergessen: Morgen startet KBC mit seinen
mysteri sen Testsendungen auf 6095 kHz um 0900 UTC. Stream und mehr
Details unter <http://www.kbcradio.eu/> darunter jedoch nicht die Angabe
des Senderstandorts. Sch nen Abend & sch nes Wochenende! 73, (Douglas
K hler, Germany, Oct 7, A-DX via Wolfgang B,schel, DXLD)

KBC-Tests start tomorrow a music program via Wertachtal 6095 kHz at
0900-1600 UT, in Winter season 1hr later at 1000-1700 UT, Saturdays
and Sundays. <http://www.kbcradio.eu/> (Wolfgang B,schel, Oct 7, WORLD
OF RADIO 1586, ibid.)

** GERMANY. EMR + Radio Atlantic 2000 This Sunday!

European Music Radio	This Sunday	Radio Atlantic 2000
Date	16th of October 2011	- 16th of October 2011
Time	1200 to 1300 UT	- 0800 to 0900 UT
Channels	9480 khz	- 9480 khz

EMR Programmes:

1200 Tom Taylor programme
1225 Mike Taylor programme

EMR Internet radio service on Sunday and Monday
Programme repeats are at the following times:
1500 - 1800 - 2100 UT

Please visit <http://www.emr.org.uk> and click on the iEMR internet
radio  button which you will find throughout the website (see the menu

on the left). Please send reception reports to: studio @ emr.org.uk
Good Listening 73s Tom

NEW EMR Postal Address:
European Music Radio,
c/o M.V. Baltic Radio,
Seestraße 17,
D-19089 G^hren,
Germany

(Tom Taylor, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. QSL: 15445, NHK/Radio Japan, Japanese broadcast to ME via Wertachtal transmitter. Full data (with site) 'Autumn Flowers' (Kochi Prefecture) QSL Card, with schedule, report form, for a postal report. Reply in 38 days (Edward Kusalik-Alberta, Canada, Oct 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. 15620, Oct 7 at 1837, Hausa broadcast suffers from squeal de WEWN 15610 spur around 15619. It's DW, 250 kW, 295 degrees from Kigali, RWANDA and also USward at 1800-1857 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. New frequencies B11 --- Hi guys, Some weeks after I protested to DW about the imminent closure of two of its major SW relay stations (at the end of Oct) I've just now received a second response from DW with attached schedule of possible English language broadcasts receivable in Australia for the B11 period. Broadcasts are via the Kigali site. Regards, (Ian Baxter, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Dear Mr. Baxter, Please find attached the new frequency list of our English transmissions directed to Africa. If you are able to listen to a DW broadcast your reception report will be highly appreciated.

Kind regards
Adelheid Lucas
DEUTSCHE WELLE
CRM / Customer Service
53110 BONN
GERMANY
T: +49.228.429-3244
F: + 49.228.429-154000
(via Baxter, ibid.) Viz.:

Winter Schedule 2011/2012, 30.10.2011ñ24.03.2012

Australien, CIRAF: 51 55 56 58 59, English

0400-0500 UT: 7350 kHz Kigali

0500-0530 UT: 9855 kHz Kigali

0600-0630 UT: 12045 kHz Kigali 15440 kHz Kigali 17800 kHz Kigali

2000-2200 UT: 9655 kHz Kigali

2100-2200 UT: 11865 kHz Kigali

For technical reasons transmission on certain frequencies may be shut-down up to 5 minutes earlier than scheduled (via Baxter, DXLD)

Every little bit helps, but DW always had this annoying policy of sending monitoring schedules out showing only one target (gh, DXLD)

[continued from POLAND non] Which leads to the next question: This Babcock file does no longer show any Deutsche Welle slots. Are they just missing or has DW indeed quit altogether after first intending to keep a few transmitter hours a day at the UK sites, Ascension, Al-Dhabbaya and Singapore? If the latter the question arises if they will still have Chinese radio at all. At an earlier stage they still planned a 30 minutes transmission on a single frequency from Singapore, to be played out separately as the only occasion when more than a single broadcast would be on air. But originally it was supposed that a one hour broadcast was to be kept, so it would be no big surprise to me if they now just throw away Chinese radio altogether, following the example of the BBC World Service.

Ernst Vranka of ORF/ORS, who hopes to keep Moosbrunn in operation until 2013 or 2014, recently coined the word of an "avalanche effect" that has meanwhile set in and throws shortwave broadcasting away in Europe. Quite true it seems (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [and non]. AUSTRIA/FRENCH GUIANA/France/GERMANY

MEDIA BROADCAST GmbH (formerly T-SYSTEMS - DTK)
B-11 period (30/10/2011 - 25/03/2012)

Tentatively B-11 operational DTK schedule of October 07th, 2011.
Times are in UTC.

frq	star-stop	ciraf	loc	pow	azi	type	day	from-to	broadc
17725	1700-1715	48SW	ISS	250	140	217	7	301011-240312	ABA
5975	0400-0430	28E	WER	100	120	201	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
6100	1600-1630	28E	WER	100	120	201	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
7315	0300-0330	48	WER	250	135	215	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
7370	0300-0330	48	WER	250	135	217	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
7370	0330-0400	48	WER	250	135	215	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
9535	1900-2000	37,38W	NAU	100	215	216	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
9595	1730-1800	37,38W	WER	100	210	217	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
9610	1000-1100	28W	NAU	100	180	216	1	301011-240312	AWR
9805	2000-2030	37,38W	WER	100	210	216	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
11760	1900-1930	37,38W	WER	100	210	216	1234567	301011-240312	AWR

11760	1930-2000	37,38W	WER	100	210	216	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
11795	1730-1800	48	WER	250	135	217	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
11860	1900-1930	46W	WER	250	210	217	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
11975	0700-0800	37,38W	WER	100	210	217	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
15125	0800-0830	37,38W	WER	100	210	217	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
15145	0800-0830	37,38W	WER	100	210	217	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
15145	0830-0900	37,38W	WER	100	210	217	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
15255	1500-1530	41N	WER	250	75	217	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
15255	1530-1600	41N	WER	250	75	217	12347	301011-240312	AWR
15255	1530-1600	41N	WER	250	75	217	56	301011-240312	AWR
15270	1500-1530	41N	WER	250	90	217	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
15270	1530-1600	41N	WER	250	90	217	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
15480	1300-1330	42,43W	NAU	250	70	218	17	301011-240312	AWR
15480	1300-1330	42,43W	NAU	250	70	218	23456	301011-240312	AWR
15480	1330-1500	42,43W	NAU	250	70	218	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
17510	1200-1230	41NE	NAU	250	85	218	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
17510	1230-1300	41NE	NAU	250	85	218	1234567	301011-240312	AWR
17575	1630-1700	48	ISS	250	125	217	1234567	301011-240312	AWR

5950	0400-0430	39NE,40	WER	100	105	205	127	301011-240312	BVB
6030	1900-1915	28,29	WER	100	60	215	56	301011-240312	BVB
6030	1915-1945	28,29	WER	100	60	215	7	301011-240312	BVB
6030	1900-1930	28,29	WER	100	60	215	3	301011-240312	BVB
6030	1900-2000	28,29	WER	100	60	215	1	301011-240312	BVB
6100	0500-0530	3738,4647	NAU	125	195	216	1234567	301011-240312	BVB
6110	1800-1900	39,40	WER	100	120	215	7	301011-240312	BVB
6110	1830-1900	39,40	WER	100	120	215	1	301011-240312	BVB
7220	0800-0830	27,28N	WER	100	ND	926	1	301011-240312	BVB
7220	0800-0845	27,28N	WER	100	ND	926	7	301011-240312	BVB
7325	0300-0330	39S	WER	125	120	201	1234567	301011-240312	BVB
7355	1715-1800	39,40	WER	100	120	215	246	301011-240312	BVB
7365	1830-1900	39,40	WER	100	90	215	1	301011-240312	BVB
7365	1800-1830	39,40	WER	100	90	215	246	301011-240312	BVB
7365	1800-1900	39,40	WER	100	90	215	35	301011-240312	BVB
7365	1800-1815	39,40	WER	100	90	215	7	301011-240312	BVB
7395	0030-0100	41	WER	250	90	215	123456	301011-240312	BVB
7395	0030-0115	41	WER	250	90	215	7	301011-240312	BVB
7410	0500-0515	39,40	WER	250	120	201	6	301011-240312	BVB
7410	0500-0530	39,40	WER	250	120	201	5	301011-240312	BVB
9440	1700-1730	39S	WER	125	120	217	1234567	301011-240312	BVB
9460	1630-1915	39,40	NAU	100	130	216	1	301011-240312	BVB
9460	1645-1800	39,40	NAU	100	130	216	7	301011-240312	BVB
9460	1645-1715	39,40	NAU	100	130	216	6	301011-240312	BVB
9460	1645-1700	39,40	NAU	100	130	216	24	301011-240312	BVB
9460	1645-1745	39,40	NAU	100	130	216	5	301011-240312	BVB
9460	1645-1720	39,40	NAU	100	130	216	3	301011-240312	BVB
9460	1800-1900	39,40	NAU	100	130	216	3	301011-240312	BVB
9470	1915-1945	39,40	WER	250	105	205	1	301011-240312	BVB

9470	1900-2000	39,40	WER	250	105	205	7	301011-240312	BVB
9715	1900-1930	3738,4647	WER	125	180	217	1234567	301011-240312	BVB
9925	1630-1830	39,40	WER	100	105	205	1234567	301011-240312	BVB
11875	1630-1730	47,48	WER	100	150	217	1234567	301011-240312	BVB
11915	1700-1720	39,40	WER	250	120	217	2356	301011-240312	BVB
11915	1700-1735	39,40	WER	250	120	217	4	301011-240312	BVB
11965	1530-1545	39,40	WER	250	105	211	1	301011-240312	BVB
13670	1515-1530	40,41	WER	100	90	217	7	301011-240312	BVB
13670	1515-1600	40,41	WER	100	90	217	6	301011-240312	BVB
13670	1530-1600	40,41	WER	100	90	217	45	301011-240312	BVB
13740	1500-1515	41,49NW	WER	250	90	217	1	301011-240312	BVB
13810	1600-1830	3839,4748	ISS	100	131	206	16	301011-240312	BVB
13810	1630-1830	3839,4748	ISS	100	131	206	7	301011-240312	BVB
13810	1630-1800	3839,4748	ISS	100	131	206	34	301011-240312	BVB
13810	1600-1800	3839,4748	ISS	100	131	206	25	301011-240312	BVB
15470	1400-1430	41	WER	250	90	217	1st Sun	301011-240312	BVB
15470	1430-1500	41	WER	250	90	217	1	301011-240312	BVB
15470	1430-1500	41	WER	250	90	217	7	301011-240312	BVB
17545	0900-1000	38,39	WER	125	135	217	6	301011-240312	BVB
5960	1900-2000	28E,29	WER	100	75	205	7	301011-240312	CHW
6055	1130-1200	27,28	WER	125	ND	926	17	301011-240312	EMG
9605	1600-1630	29,30	WER	250	60	217	7	301011-240312	EMG
13730	1200-1230	19-26	NAU	250	45	216	7	301011-240312	EMG
7215	0030-0130	40E,41NW	WER	250	90	217	1234567	301011-240312	GFA
7240	2330-0030	41,43,49N	WER	250	75	217	1234567	301011-240312	GFA
11645	1530-1630	40E,41NW	WER	250	90	217	1234567	301011-240312	GFA
15235	1330-1530	41,43,49N	WER	250	75	217	1234567	301011-240312	GFA
15285	1230-1500	41	NAU	250	89	218	1234567	301011-240312	GFA
6045	1000-1100	27E,28	WER	100	ND	926	1st Sun	301011-240312	HLR
7375	2300-0400	11-16	WER	100	240	215	1234567	301011-240312	HRT
7375	0000-0200	6-10	WER	100	300	215	1234567	301011-240312	HRT
7375	0200-0400	2-4,6-10	WER	100	315	215	1234567	301011-240312	HRT
7375	0400-0600	2-3,6-7,10	WER	100	325	215	1234567	301011-240312	HRT
5930	1500-1530	30S	WER	250	75	226	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
6105	0400-0600	28E,29W	WER	250	60	206	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
6120	0400-0500	28E,29W	WER	250	60	216	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
7220	1600-1800	?	WER	250	60	?	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
7260	1600-1700	30SE	WER	250	75	206	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
7265	0230-0330	40	WER	250	105	226	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
7390	1600-1700	29SE	WER	250	90	226	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
9485	1730-1800	48	NAU	100	140	216	23456	301011-240312	IBB
9485	1800-1900	48	NAU	100	140	216	1234567	301011-240312	IBB

9485	1900-1930	48	NAU	100	140	216	23456	301011-240312	IBB
9495	1830-1900	29SE	WER	250	90	226	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
9520	1700-1800	29S	WER	250	90	226	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
9565	1400-1500	40E,41NW	WER	250	90	216	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
9595	1400-1500	30S	WER	250	75	206	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
9760	0500-0600	39N,40W	NAU	100	105	216	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
9770	1530-1730	40E,41NW	WER	250	105	226	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
9780	2030-2100	46,47	WER	250	180	216	23456	301011-240312	IBB
9805	1800-1830	47,48	WER	250	150	216	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
9815	1700-1800	29SE	WER	250	90	206	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
9815	1900-1930	47,48	WER	250	150	216	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
11675	1800-1900	48	WER	250	135	206	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
11765	1500-1600	29SE	NAU	250	103	216	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
11790	1500-1530	30SE,31SW	WER	250	75	216	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
11905	1630-1700	47,48	WER	250	150	216	23456	301011-240312	IBB
11905	1730-1800	48	WER	250	150	206	23456	301011-240312	IBB
11995	1400-1500	30S	WER	250	75	226	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
13580	0500-0900	40E,41NW	NAU	250	94	156	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
13580	1400-1500	39N,40W	WER	250	105	226	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
13635	1630-1700	47,48	WER	250	150	216	23456	301011-240312	IBB
13680	1230-1600	40	WER	250	105	226	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
15535	0430-0700	40	WER	250	105	226	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
15620	1630-1700	48	WER	250	135	206	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
15670	1630-1700	46,47,52	WER	250	180	216	6	301011-240312	IBB
17895	1600-1700	?	WER	250	150	226	1234567	301011-240312	IBB
6095	1000-1700	18,27-2837	WER	100	ND	930	17	301011-240312	KBC§
9800	1830-1900	46S,47SE	WER	500	180	217	1234567	301011-240312	LWF
6045	0900-1100	27E, 28	WER	100	ND	926	3rd Sun?	301011-240312	MSM+
6140	1400-1500	28	NAU	100	126	156	1	301011-240312	MVB
6140	1000-1100	27,28	WER	100	ND	926	1	301011-240312	MVB
6055	1200-1215	27,28	WER	250	ND	926	1	301011-240312	MWA
9620	2200-2300	38,39,40	WER	500	135	217	1234567	301011-240312	NHK
15445	1700-1900	38,39,40	WER	250	135	217	1234567	301011-240312	NHK
6040	1930-2000	37,38	WER	250	150	201	1	301011-240312	PAB
6040	1930-2030	37,38	WER	250	150	201	7	301011-240312	PAB
13645	1400-1430	41	WER	100	90	217	1	301011-240312	PAB
13645	1415-1430	41	WER	100	90	217	234567	301011-240312	PAB
13645	1430-1445	41	ISS	250	83	217	1	301011-240312	PAB
15535	1529-1627	47-4852-53	WER	500	150	217	1234567	301011-240312	PNW%

7350	0530-0600	46SE	WER	100	180	215	23456	301011-240312	RMI
11760	1600-1630	47E,48	WER	500	135	217	1	301011-240312	RMI#
11865	1930-2000	46SE	WER	100	180	217	1234567	301011-240312	RMI
5955	0657-0757	27,28,37N	NAU	500	220	146	1234567	301011-240312	RNW
5955	0757-1100	18S,27,28	WER	500	ND	930	1234567	301011-240312	RNW
5955	1559-1757	?	WER	500	ND	930	1234567	301011-240312	RNW
6120	0859-1100	27S,37N	WER	500	240	215	23456	301011-240312	RNW
9750	1559-1657	28S,38,39N	NAU	500	143	146	1234567	301011-240312	RNW
9830	0559-0657	28S,38,39N	WER	500	120	201	1234567	301011-240312	RNW
9895	0657-0800	27,28,37N	NAU	500	220	146	1234567	301011-240312	RNW
9895	0800-0900	27,28,37N	NAU	500	220	146	1234567	301011-240312	RNW
9895	1559-1757	36E,37	WER	500	240	216	1234567	301011-240312	RNW
11810	1700-1800	38E,39S,48N	NAU	100	144	216	14	301011-240312	SBO
9460	1400-1500	18,27,28	WER	100	300	216	1234567	301011-240312	TOM
13810	1500-1600	28-2938-39N	NAU	100	130	218	1234567	301011-240312	TOM
17580	1500-1600	38	WER	100	165	217	1234567	301011-240312	TOM
5915	0645-0700	28	ISS	100	60	146	1234567	301011-240312	TWR
6105	0800-0850	27	NAU	100	285	216	1234567	301011-240312	TWR
6120	1100-1130	28	WER	100	105	201	7	301011-240312	TWR
6120	1629-1659	28	WER	100	105	201	7	301011-240312	TWR
7220	0645-0700	28	ISS	100	60	146	1234567	301011-240312	TWR
7300	1500-1530	28,29,30	WER	100	60	215	2	301011-240312	TWR
7300	1500-1530	28,29,30	WER	100	60	215	3456	301011-240312	TWR
7300	1500-1600	28,29,30	WER	100	60	215	17	301011-240312	TWR
9430	0930-1000	28	ISS	100	85	146	1234567	301011-240312	TWR
11700	1629-1659	29S,39N	WER	100	90	217	23456	301011-240312	TWR
7335	0200-0500	6,7,8	GUF	250	318	156	1234567	301011-240312	VOR
9875	0000-0200	12,14,16	GUF	250	195	151	1234567	301011-240312	VOR
11605	2200-2400	12,13	GUF	250	181	151	1234567	301011-240312	VOR
5960	2200-2300	37,38W	NAU	250	210	216	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
6010	2100-2200	37,38W	WER	250	210	215	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
7305	2100-2200	46E,47,52N	NAU	500	180	216	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
7360	2200-0100	12,13,15	GUF	500	170	151	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
7395	0000-0100	12, 14	GUF	500	215	146	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
9465	2300-2400	12, 14	GUF	500	215	146	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
9465	2200-2300	12, 14	GUF	500	215	146	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
9500	1900-2000	37E,38	WER	250	150	201	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
9515	2000-2100	37,38W	NAU	250	210	146	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
9595	2000-2100	46E,47,52N	NAU	500	180	216	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
9695	1900-2000	37,46	WER	500	210	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
9800	1700-1800	40	NAU	500	95	216	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
9810	1700-1800	39	WER	250	120	216	1234567	301011-240312	YFR

9840	1800-1900	37E,38	WER	250	150	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
9925	1900-2200	46,47,52	WER	500	180	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
11665	1800-1900	46SE	WER	500	180	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
11690	1700-1800	37,38	WER	100	180	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
11885	1600-1700	40	NAU	500	95	216	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
11935	1500-1600	41SE	NAU	500	94	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
11995	1600-1700	39	WER	250	120	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
12140	1800-1900	57	WER	500	165	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
13605	1400-1500	30S,40N	WER	250	75	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
13630	1500-1600	41E	NAU	500	100	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
13655	1400-1500	41S	WER	500	90	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
13655	1500-1600	41S	WER	500	105	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
13660	1600-1700	48	ISS	500	125	167	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
13700	1400-1600	41	NAU	500	95	218	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
15160	1600-1700	47,48	ISS	500	131	227	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
15315	1400-1500	41S	WER	500	105	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
15325	1400-1500	41E	WER	500	90	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
17510	1300-1500	41E	NAU	500	85	218	1234567	301011-240312	YFR
15470	1500-1600	41NE,41S	WER	500	90	217	1234567	301011-240312	YFR

*) 1st Sunday of the month Day 1 = Sunday ... Day 7 = Saturday

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ABA = Radiyo Y'Abaganda (Ababaka)

ADM = internal name (not "Abu Dhabi Media Company")

AWR = Adventist World Radio

BVB = High Adventure Gospel - Bible Voice Broadcasting

CHW = Christliche Wissenschaft

CVC = Christian Vision - deleted

DVB = Democratic Voice of Burma

EFD = Ethiopians For Democracy

ELF = Eritrean Liberation Front

EMG = Evangelische Missionsgemeinden in Deutschland

FEB = Feba Radio UK

GFA = Gospel for Asia

HCJ = Voice of the Andes - deleted

HLR = Hamburger Lokalradio

HRT = Hrvatska Radio Televizija

IBB = International Broadcasting Bureau

KBC = internal MBR customer

KBCf= Dutch-based KBC Radio <<http://www.kbcradio.eu/>>

LWF = Lutheran World Federation

MBR = MEDIA BROADCAST (ex Deutsche Telekom, DTK)

MSM = internal name, MBR customer

MSM+= probably XVRB Radio - The Music Museum, see below.

MVB = Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Baltic Radio

MWA = Missionswerk Arche

NGO = [see below]

NHK = Nippon Hoso Kyokai
PAB = Pan Am Broadcasting
PNW% {"Press Now". <<http://www.pressnow.nl/>> wb.}
PRW = Polskie Radio Warsaw - deleted
RHU = Radio Huriyo (Xoriyo) - deleted
RMI = Radio Miami International
RMI# [Voice of Oromo Liberation Front]
RNW = Radio Netherlands World Service
RRP = Radio Reveil Paroles de Vie - deleted
RTR = Radio Traumland (Belgium)
SBO = Sagalee Bilisummaa Oromoo, Voice of Oromo Liberation.
TOM = The Overcomer Ministry
TWR = Trans World Radio
VOR = Voice of Russia
WRN = World Radio Network - deleted
YFR = WYFR Family Radio

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+ XVRB Radio - It's The Music Museum, see <<http://www.xvrb.org/>>
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Sunday of the month? (MBR Media & Broadcast, Oct 7, via ADDX Andreas
Volk Munich-D transformed by Michael Bethge-D via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews
Oct 7, via Wolfgang B,schel, DXLD)

Puzzle in MBR. NGO - unknown bc organization. Is meant for Nippon Hoso

Kyokai foreign relays? Domestic Yamata called KDDI transmitter organization:

<http://wikimapia.org/5153986/KDDI-Yamata-Transmitter-Site>
(Wolfgang B, schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NHK already has its own entry in above sked. NGO commonly means in English, generic non-governmental organization (gh, DXLD)

** GOA. AIR Panaji SW Audio OK --- AIR Panaji has sorted out their audio problems of their SW transmitter, it seems. Now they are noted with good quality audio. (Earlier lot of problems were there with their audio.) However, only one of their 250 kW SW transmitters is noted on air. The other one is still off air. The present schedule is:

11715, 2045-2230 English (Australia/NZ)
11740, 2300-2400 Hindi, 0000-0045 Tamil (SE Asia), 0045-0115 Sinhala (Sri Lanka)
11775, 1215-1330 Tibetan (Tibet), 1330-1430 Nepali (Nepal)
12025, 1615-1730 Hindi, 1730-1830 Malayalam (W. Asia)
15175, 1515-1600 Gujarati (E. Africa)
15210, 0400-0430 Persian, 0430-0530 Arabic (W. Asia)
15210, 0530-0600 (Urdu) (Haj Service to Saudi Arabia 9 Nov 2011 to 7 Dec 2011)

73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India, Mobile: 91-80993 70625, Tel: 91-40-2331 0287, 91-40 6516 7388, Fax: 91-40-2331 0787
<http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos> <http://www.niar.org> Oct 7, dx_india yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

** GREECE. Last QSLs received: ERT Thessaloniki, 9935, QSL and view card in 3 weeks for e-report to ttsioli @ ert3.gr and programc @ ert3.gr (Artur Fernandez Llorella, Catalonia, Spain, You can see some images in my blog: <http://maresmedx.blogspot.com/> Oct 7, HCDX via DXLD)

** GREECE. On 29 Sep at 1530 UT non-stop instrumental music with pieces from Demis Russos songs observed on 9935 kHz and 1044 kHz \\ 9420, 15630, 666, 729, 792, 981, 1008 kHz and many others or all their transmitters. Strike? But from 1630 UT on 792, 981, 1008 kHz and others - sport reportages were (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Oct 2, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 8 via DXLD)

** GREECE. V. of Greece, ``Radio Filia`` schedule observed 5-18 Sept:

Tuesday 0900-1000 ñ 11645 off the air
Mon-Fri 0500-0550 on 11645, 0555-0600 17705 in Bulgarian; 0800
German, 0900 Russian or English, 0930-1000 French -- 11645

Saturday 0502 Bulgarian, 0515 BBCWS relay [meaning English], 0532 French, 0545-0550 Spanish on 11645; 0555-0600 Spanish on 17705, 0900-1000 Filipino on 11645
Sunday 0500 Albanian, 0532-0550 English on 11645, 0555-0600 English 17705; 0600 French, 0630 Spanish, 0700 German, 0730-0750 Russian on 17705; 0755-0800 Russian on 11645, 0800-0900 R. Filia in Greek on 11645

Exceptions: 8 Sep 0900 on 11645 was in English, 9 Sep in Russian.
On 16 Sept at 0500-0800 on 11645/17705, the ``Cosmos`` home service was heard, then 0800 German, 0900 Russian, 0930-1000 French ñ on 11645 (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Oct BDXC-UK Communication, retyped by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And since then, probably totally different if at all, with curtailed transmissions. Interrupting a single language for a 5-minute frequency change several times as observed above, indicates what a disconnect exists between programming and SW transmission (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Greece ?? Voice of Greece ?? 9420 Avlis ?? Oct 9, 2011, Sunday. 1635-1717. Must be Greek language (it sounds just like our local 1422 kHz Pan Hellenic Voice for the Jo'burg Greek community). OM's talking, and very hip-hop music, some of it sounding quite greek although not on traditional instruments. Whilst others are debating in DXLD whether it is still on air or not, this is the first time I have received it in Jo'burg. Clearly an id at TOH, but it was so quick I couldn't make it out. Talk and music continued after the id, some of the songs in english. Fair. Sudden very severe whistle (or het) from 1711 onwards made it un-listenable, fortunately it could be almost entirely removed by the Drake notch filter. Jo'burg sunset 1612 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This is my reception report for Sunday and Monday UT October 10, 2011: [showing no reception on usual frequencies 2000-0200+ UT, 7450, 15650, 15630, 7475, 9420] Last week, same time, Voice of Greece was off the air; are they on a 6-day week now? Regards, (John Babbis, Silver Spring, MD, USA, daily reception report to VOG, cc to DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. 13362, 7/10 0629, AFRTS, Barrigada, talks, then reports, USB, weak/fair fading. Better at 0702 news (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan, Italy, RX: G33DDC Excalibur Pro - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

09/10/2011 0725, 13362, AFRTS-Barrigada USB, relay AFN (Mauro - Giroletti, -Swl 1510-, -IK2GFT-, bclnews.it yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, Radio Verdad ñ Chiquimula (Presumed), 1040, in Spanish. Male with religious talk, "Leaning on the Arms of Jesus" in Spanish. Fair. 10/8/11 (Mark Taylor, Madison WI, WinRadio g313e, Grunding G1 & G5, Satellit 800; EWE, Flextenna, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD) Another anomaly as normal sign on is *1100 or later; unless Mark's clock was off again (gh, DXLD)

4055, Oct 10 at 1155, R. Verdad hasn't faded out yet, in non-Spanish language; intonation sounds rather like Korean, but maybe the local vernacular. Could even be Korean as has been multi-lingual including Japanese (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUIANA FRENCH. 9735, Oct 10 at 0537, hum and unstable carrier at S9+5. Strongly suspect MontsinËry has left the exciter on after finishing Voz de Rusia until 0500 with usual extremely strong signal, but not so spurry this time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAWAII [and non]. 13282, 7/10 0622 & 0650, Auckland Volmet, New Zealand, Airport info, USB, weak signal but clear

13282, 7/10 0625, Honolulu Volmet, Hawaii, airports info, USB, weak (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan, Italy, RX: G33DDC Excalibur Pro - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4970, AIR Shillong, 1245-1316, Oct 11. YL DJ in English with the usual Tuesday program iHeart to Heartî playing EZL love songs (iYou Took My Heart Awayî MLTR, iUnbreak My Heartî Toni Braxton, iFrom the Bottom of My Broken Heartî Britney Spears, etc.); local IDs; 1317 into Hindi; fair-poor with their normal hum (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR Itanagar on Irregular 4990 kHz!! HEARD AIR Itanagar on 4990 kHz at 1715 UT on 9th October!!!!!! Tabla and classical instrumental heard. SINPO 25222. This AIR Itanagar frequency is an irregular one, and so very happy to catch it today. For confirmation watch the video on youtube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1F16I-IT50>

Thanks & Regards, (Prithwiraj Purkayastha, Jorhat, Assam, dx_india yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

** INDIA. 9425, AIR Bengaluru - National Channel, 1830-1835, Oct 5. News bulletin in English; into Hindi; nice to find their signal here this late (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 9425, AIR Bengaluru - National Channel, 1503, Oct 9. "SAARC" news in English; a fortnight long joint military exercise

between India and Bangladesh to begin; India Foreign Secretary Ranjan Mathai will review developmental projects in the war ravaged northern province in Sri Lanka; and that is the end of this SAARC news bulletin; into Hindi and subcontinent music. This news is perhaps only on Sunday?

It was back in September 2009 that I first heard a SAARC news bulletin via AIR. Ever since I have wondered about their status, so am pleased to hear this again. SAARC is the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation.

Tentatively I also once heard SAARC news via Bangladesh Betar on 4750, with a Monday only broadcast. Their website news schedule shows: 11835 (SAARC News Bangla) 1850 (SAARC News English) in every Monday, although I heard the reverse, with English at 1235 UT, followed by Bengali (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [and non]. 9870, Oct 7 at 1402, AIR VBS music with flutter, but well over CCI this time from CRI English, which deliberately collides from Xi'an at 13-16 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 15050, AIR, Khampur. 1213-1216:27* October 9, 2011. Very good with nice subcontinental vocals, language male and female, listed as Tamil 1115-1215. Transmitter off after male closing announcements (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI Palangkaraya, 1241-1330+ Oct 3. YL with long phone chat or interview; then from 1300 to 1330 a mix of chat, ads, I think, with Palangkaraya telephone numbers given, and short interludes of piano music. Ridiculous level, S9+30 dB, maybe the strongest ever here. (Wilkins-CO)

4749.95, RRI Makassar, 0959-1020 Sep 30. Qur'an to 1004, then vocal music with Arabic/East African flavor. Fair/good signal (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

3325, Oct 12 at 1251, usual programming from RRI Palangkaraya, Kalimantan, i.e. M&W conversation in Indonesian. Peaks S+18, nice signal today; no PNG frequencies audible on 90m, and nothing else but a bit of WWRB 3185 BS at this hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re DXLD 11-38, Preaching in English via RRI Palangkaraya

Hi Glenn, It turns out that the preacher I heard via RRI Palangkaraya was in fact Peter Youngren and he is not African-American as I first

thought from listening to his preaching. Was rather surprised by the large number of people who attended the iPalangkaraya Friendship Festival. iView Photos at <http://www.peteryoungren.org/>
Full story of the event and all the daily happenings is posted at http://www.peteryoungren.org/impact/festivals/palangkaraya-indonesia-2011/full_story/
(Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

He's a faith-healer too; guess that appeals to the uneducated masses
(gh, DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 9525-, Oct 8 at 1250, dead air with flutter, a VERY long IAD during Japanese hour from VOI; still DA at 1303, 1316; 1318 finally English modulation comes up for a minute or so, gone again, on and off; by 1336 more or less stayed on during music portion as signal weakened.

9525-, Oct 11 at 1305, VOI is in slow special Chinese talk by YL, not English 'Exotic Indonesia' with RRI Banjarmasin this Tuesday. Poor signal and didn't check it later in the hour, but once again VOI is way off schedule.

9525-, Oct 12 at 1303, VOI back in English after having been off-schedule in Chinese yesterday; long item about trade with Slovakia, then oil from Nigeria; ASEAN university exchanges. I guess this was the newscast made up of government press releases. Altho rather undermodulated, S9+22 signal made it sufficiently readable, with some hum, IADs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. SOUTH HERTS RADIO SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Hello Everyone, SHR will not be broadcasting the live stream this Sunday. However any shows I intended to air will be hosted on the interactive player from the home page which will be updated in time for this coming Sunday.

I am sorry SHR has been having some breaks recently due to some personal circumstances but SHR should resume broadcasts for at least every Sunday up until Christmas with the regular schedule as from Sunday 16th October from 1200 to 2000 UT as usual. That is my intention anyway. As always in the event of any live stream failure, most shows will be hosted on the home page player or the listen again page.

Thanks for your continued support of this service which is provided free of charge as a hobby station to provide something different and in support of DX and international broadcasting with a small amount of

local interest for the communities of South Hertfordshire United Kingdom. Wishing you all 5 and 9's and 73's. (Gary Drew, Oct 6, <http://www.southhertsradio.com> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. 11620, Oct 8 at 1307 Qur'an, 1310 cut abruptly and rudely to announcement, news theme and items starting with Iran, then other countries in the area. Is VIRI Urdu service, 1300-1427, 500 kW, 178 degrees from Kamalabad, and thus not aimed at Pakistan, or us.

17560, Oct 7 at 1248 Indonesian/Malay talk, poor signal, raising hopes that R. Free Sarawak had extended past 1200. Dashed when uplooked in Aoki to find it's VIRI, 1230-1327 in Malaysian [sic], 500 kW, 109 degrees from Kamalabad. Anyhow, RFS is mainly in Iban rather than Malay. I wonder if RFS picked the frequency knowing that Malay listeners were already tuning to it for Teheran? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17560 / 21670, Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kamalabad and Sirjan respectively. 1227 October 8, 2011. Checking this after reading Glenn Hauser's log of 17560 post-Radio Free Sarawak time. Listed as Indonesian 1230-1327 in the WRTVH 2011 (and no Malay service listed), but Malay on short-wave.info. Already on at tune-in with nice Persian classical instrumental, into VoIRI chimes and theme 1230, orchestral and possible anthem, then male "Suara --- Islamiq Republik Iran" and mention of "kiloHertz" twice, brief Qur'an poetry from 1233. 17560 very good, the "other" kHz quickly looked up, it being 21670, and in the clear but barely audible (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

21670, Oct 10 at 1248, very poor signal, first time heard here, but // 17560, i.e. VIRI Malay service ('`Melau`` in HFCC), 500 kW, 115 degrees from Sirjan on 21670 at 1230-1327. Tnx to Terry Krueger, FL tip (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [and non]. IRAN SAYS IT CAN JAM AND "REDIRECT" MILITARY AND ESPIONAGE SATELLITES Posted: 08 Oct 2011

Zawya, 5 Oct 2011, citing Tehran Times: "Iran unveiled three new types of electronic warfare (EW) equipment -- an EW simulator, a radar system tester (RST), and a satellite jamming system -- on Tuesday. All of the new equipment has been designed and manufactured by Iranian engineers. ... Farzad Ismaili, the commander of the Khatam-ol-Anbiya military base ... Ismaili said that Iran is now capable of jamming satellites used for military and spying purposes. Iran can also redirect military and espionage satellites, the commander added." (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

-- "Redirect," as in move them to a different orbit? Or out of orbit?
This news item pertains to satellites used for other than
broadcasting, but the technology can probably apply to broadcast
satellite jamming (Kim Andrew Elliott, ibid.)

** ISRAEL. 9235, Galei Zahal 0248, Hebrew, pop songs, woman announcer.
Fair, // 15850 fair. They had been on 9236 for a short period of time,
but are definitely back on 9235. 10/12/11 (Harold Sellers, Vernon,
British Columbia, Listening from my car with Eton E1 and Sony AN1
active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. No more Spanish even on webcasts? REFERENTE A KOL ISRAEL,
Por mucho tiempo he escuchado las emisiones de Kol Israel a trav s de
su p gina web en Espa ol, pero desde hace varios d as, s lo escucho un
mensaje en ingl s de forma repetitiva. La p gina a que hago referencia
es:

<http://www.iba.org.il/world/>

Si alguien tiene alguna informaci n, gracias anticipadas. 73 (Oscar de
C spedes, FL, condiglist yg via DXLD)

It's still there if you click on the right linx --- on demand,
espanol, 2015; I'm hearing the 12 Oct broadcast of 2015-2030 [local]
already at 1958 UT Oct 12 (gh, DXLD)

** ITALY [non]. via ROMANIA. 15610, IRRS, *1257-1305, abrupt sign on
with English program in progress about medical marijuana regulations
in California. Opening IRRS theme music at 1258:37. IRRS ID at 1300
and into religious programming by Brother Stair. Good. Oct 9 (Brian
Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

Sounds like another of those old KQED programs. Maybe previous
appearances after 1300 were simply a matter of running late with
webcast schedule of IRRS? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** KASHMIR. 3975 Khz Radio Pakistan's subsidiary channel Azad Kashmir
Radio Trarkhel --- Hi Glenn, I hope you are well. I was on a long
holiday to Japan; now I am back to Pakistan. Reference to e-mail by
Rumen Pankov from Bulgaria in edition number 11-40 of the World of
Radio. It is to clarify that the frequency of 3975 khz is used by
Radio Pakistan subsidiary channel Azad Kashmir Radio Trarkhel.
However English and Urdu News are relayed from Radio Pakistan directly
by Azad Kashmir Radio. Some current affairs programmes of Radio
Pakistan National Broadcasting Service are also relayed by Azad
Kashmir Radio Trarkhel on this frequency.

The reason for finding different programmes on 3975 khz and 11590 and
15265 khz at 1740 UT is that 3975 is used by Azad Kashmir Radio
Trarkhel for its local programming while 11590 and 15265 khz are used

by Radio Pakistan external service for Europe at that time. Regards
(Aslam Javaid, Lahore, Pakistan, Oct 12, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** KAZAKHSTAN. 9950, at 1430 9 Sept, V. of Orthodoxy via Almaty,
faulty transmitter, demodulated sound, Russian, SIO 454 (Rumen Pankov,
Sofia Bulgaria, HF Logbook, Oct BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) What
do you mean by ``demodulated sound``?

** KAZAKHSTAN. 15560, Oct 7 at 1249, Bible quotations in American
English, fair with flutter; 1258 Family Radio ID, Sound of the New
Life to 1259:45* cutoff. Of mild interest only because the site per
Aoki is ``Almaty-Nikolayevka``, YFR English at 11-13 since Sept 12.

I sure don't hear them saying anything about October 21, when the
suppressed Camping faxion is positive the world will really, really,
really end. Minus two weeks and counting. Even so, what in the world
is Kazakhstan thinking, propagating this Christian stuff? \$\$\$\$. After
all, they also serve as a launchpad for Russia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** KIRITIMATI. 28485-USB, Oct 9 at 2112, T32C contest working N's, a
ZP5, etc., saying ``up five``. At first final fonetik sounded like
Johnny instead of Charlie. I was just random tuning, not chasing what
turned out to be a DXpedition to a rare country, per QRZ.com:

``T32C
Kiritimati DXpedition C/o Neville Cheadle G3NUG
Lower Withers Barns
Middleton on the Hill, LEOMINSTER, HR6 0HY
England

Lookups: 113045
Email: (Ham members only) QSL: G3NUG

[the -ti- in native spelling represents S, so it really sounds a lot
more like ``Kirismas``, just like Kiribati is really pronounced
Kiribas. Don't ask me why -- gh]

The FSDXA DXpedition to Kiritimati (Christmas Island) will take place
in September-October 2011. There is a huge amount of detail on our web
site <http://www.t32c.com> This has been developed FOR YOU.

- When to work us
- How to work us
- How to QSL.

So please visit our website. Thanks`` Continues until 26 October.

BTW, most of the 10m hamband continues to be unoccupied even when

propagation obviously opens it. Virtually nothing ever to be heard 28.5 to 29.7 MHz; yes, I know, there are some HF repeaters at the upper end, but haven't even heard them lately. Perhaps the hams risk losing 1.2 MHz to another service which would actually use the spectrum? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** KOREA NORTH. RSF EVALUATES LEVEL OF PRESS FREEDOM IN NORTH KOREA**

Reporters Without Borders visited the South Korean capital of Seoul in July to evaluate the level of media freedom and freedom of information in North Korea. It met with many specialists, human rights activists, North Korean refugees and South Korean officials in order to assess the changes that have taken place since October 2004, the date of its last investigation.

It has just published the results of this fact-finding visit. Entitled North Korea: Frontiers of Censorship, it looks at the regime's media control and censorship and the attempts being made by others to increase freedom of information.

Foreign radio stations continue to be the main source of independent information for the North Korean population. Broadcasting two or three hours a day in Korean on shortwave, they are listened to by people who have managed to obtain shortwave radio sets. The flow of information is also reinforced by NGOs that send material and multimedia content across the border by various methods.

The authorities seem incapable of stopping the growing smuggling and contraband trade, especially in the estimated 300 markets throughout the country and near the Chinese border, or the flow of information via mobile phones and contraband DVDs, USB flash drives and other digital media whose availability is growing rapidly.

Seven years after its first report entitled iJournalists in the service of a totalitarian dictatorship, which described the regime's ipermanent information plan, Reporters Without Borders has found that the government media have evolved little and continue to act as Kim Jong-il's propaganda outlets. The regime is currently paving the way for Kim Jong-un to succeed his father and next year's centenary of Kim Jong-il's father, Eternal President Kim Il-sung, will probably be a key step in this process.

Since 2009, Reporters Without Borders has been supporting Seoul-based radio stations operated by North Korean refugees such as Free North Korea Radio, Radio Free Chosun and Open Radio for North Korea. It urges the South Korean government to support the activities of these radio stations, which are crucial, and to get the international community to support them too. These exile radio stations are now the

main guarantors of North Koreans' right to diverse news and information. --- Read the report (PDF)
http://fr.rsfs.org/IMG/pdf/rsf_north-korea_2011.pdf
(October 11th, 2011 - 14:25 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. 9665.36, KCBS, P'yongyang. 1250 October 9, 2011. Fair with Korean female, joined by man at 1253 (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11710, Oct 9 at 1315, super-pompous VOK announcer concluding news mentions a string of other countries, but does not pronounce Austria as ``Austriar`` even tho he pronounces Korea as ``Korear`` --- what's with that? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glenn, 11710, DPRK, VOK, 1401, French, After s/on at 1400 heard Song of General Kim II Sung twice in a row. This during French service. Yesterday during English service. Their same systemic problem. 73, (Frank Mezek, Sun City AZ, Oct 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 5985, Saturday Oct 8 at 1330, Shiokaze from JSR Tokyo, JAPAN, opening in Korean with piano music, poor with usual Myanmar 5986v het (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. CLANDESTINE - 9950, Furusato no Kaze, *1330-1357* Oct 2. Usual M&W talks in Japanese, with a one-song music break at 1347; at 1351 a list of names was read, all with Japanese surnames; 1353 closedown routine, with e-mail address, sked, etc.; off abruptly at 1357*. Good signal; presume via Taiwan (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH. 6015, KBS Hanminjok Bangsong 1 (presumed), 1206-1248, Oct 7. A rare occurrence with no North Korea jamming; chatting in Korean; 1236 series of phone calls; 1248 start of heavy jamming (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH [and non]. Updated summer A-11 of KBS World Radio:
Arabic

2000-2100 on 9620 SIN 250 kW / 105 deg to Middle East/Africa
Chinese

1130-1230 on 9770 KIM 250 kW / 225 deg to Southeast Asia

1130-1230 on 6065 KIM 250 kW / 290 deg to China

1300-1400 on 7275 KIM 250 kW / non-dir to China

2200-2300 on 7275 KIM 250 kW / 275 deg to China

2300-2400 on 9805 KIM 100 kW / 205 deg to Southeast Asia

English

0200-0300 on 9580 KIM 250 kW / 081 deg to South America
 0800-0900 on 9570 KIM 100 kW / 205 deg to Southeast Asia
 1100-1130 on 9760 WOF 100 kW / 102 deg to Europe Sat DRM
 1200-1300 on 9650 SAC 250 kW / 268 deg to North America
 1300-1400 on 9570 KIM 100 kW / 205 deg to Southeast Asia
 1600-1700 on 9515 KIM 100 kW / 205 deg to Europe
 1600-1700 on 9640 KIM 250 kW / 225 deg to Southeast Asia
 1800-1900 on 7275 KIM 250 kW / 305 deg to Europe
 2100-2130 on 3955 SKN 250 kW / 106 deg to Europe
 French
 1900-2000 on 6145 SKN 250 kW / 150 deg to Europe
 2000-2100 on 5950 ISS 250 kW / 185 deg to Middle East/Africa
 German
 2000-2100 on 3955 SKN 250 kW / 106 deg to Europe
 Indonesian
 1200-1300 on 9570 KIM 100 kW / 205 deg to Southeast Asia
 1400-1500 on 9570 KIM 100 kW / 205 deg to Southeast Asia
 2200-2300 on 9805 KIM 100 kW / 205 deg to Southeast Asia
 Japanese
 0100-0200 on 9580 KIM 250 kW / 081 deg to Japan
 0200-0300 on 11810 KIM 250 kW / 081 deg to Japan
 0800-0900 on 6155 KIM 100 kW / non-dir to Japan
 0800-0900 on 7275 KIM 250 kW / non-dir to Japan
 1000-1100 on 9805 KIM 250 kW / 081 deg to Japan
 Korean
 0300-0400 on 11810 KIM 250 kW / 081 deg to South America
 0700-0800 on 9860 SKN 300 kW / 110 deg to Europe
 0900-1000 on 15160 KIM 250 kW / 290 deg to Middle East/Africa
 0900-1100 on 9570 KIM 100 kW / 205 deg to Southeast Asia
 0900-1100 on 7275 KIM 250 kW / non-dir to Japan
 1200-1300 on 7275 KIM 250 kW / non-dir to Japan
 1400-1500 on 9650 SAC 250 kW / 268 deg to North America
 1600-1800 on 7275 KIM 250 kW / 305 deg to Europe
 1600-1800 on 9705 KIM 250 kW / 290 deg to Middle East/Africa
 1700-1900 on 9515 KIM 250 kW / 285 deg to Europe
 Russian
 1800-1900 on 15360 RMP 250 kW / 062 deg to Europe
 Spanish
 0100-0200 on 11810 KIM 250 kW / 081 deg to South America
 0200-0230 on 9560 SAC 250 kW / 277 deg to North America
 0600-0700 on 6045 SAC 250 kW / 060 deg to Europe
 1100-1200 on 11795 SAC 250 kW / 176 deg to South America
 Vietnamese
 0100-0200 on 9690 KIM 250 kW / 225 deg to Southeast Asia
 1030-1130 on 9770 KIM 250 kW / 225 deg to Southeast Asia
 1500-1600 on 9640 KIM 250 kW / 225 deg to Southeast Asia
 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 10 Oct via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [non?]. 3928, 0330 18 Sept, V. of Kurdistan, ID in Kurdish at 0334, closedown, without jamming, SIO 252.

3970j [sic], 0320 18 Sept, V. of Iranian Kurdistan, ID in Kurdish // 4870 at 0407, jammed, SIO 232 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Tropical [sic] Bands Logbook, Oct BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) both jammed?

** KURDISTAN [and non]. IRAN/IRAQ {KURDISTAN target in Turkey, Syria, Iran and Iraq} From dswci DBS - list:

3930v Radio Voice of Kurdistan,
0145v-0300, 1245-1400 UT Kurdish, ID: "Era Radyo Dengi Kurdistan", Sulaimaniya, Northern Iraq.
0300-0330v, 1400-1430 UT Farsi, ID: "Im Radyo Sedaye Kordestane" to Iran. Produced by the Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iran.

3970v Voice of Iranian Kurdistan,
0225v-0400, 1200-1300 UT Kurdish, ID: "Ere Denge Kurdistan Irane", Salah Al-Din, Northern Iraq.
0400-0430 1300-1330 UT Farsi, ID: "In Seda-ye Kordestan-e Iran", \\ 4870, but delayed 30 seconds. Produced by the Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan, Canada/France.

4870v Voice of Iranian Kurdistan,
0225v-0400, 1200-1300 UT Kurdish, ID: "Era dengi Kurdistan Irana", Salah Al-Din, Northern Iraq
0400-0430, 1300-1330 UT Farsi, \\ 3970 (ID's), ex 4775 kHz.

Log of Oct 3rd: two Iranian jamming bubblers on 4865-4874 kHz, stronger carrier at 0256 UT on 4868.970 kHz. Voice of Iranian Kurdistan clandestine program in Kurdish on 4869.890 kHz. Both S=9+10dBm signal strength here in western Europe.

Two Iranian jamming bubblers on 3925-3934 kHz, stronger carrier at 0300 UT on 3929.040 kHz, S=9+10dBm. {different} Radio Voice of Kurdistan clandestine program in Kurdish on 3931.075 kHz, latter clandestine program on S=8-9 signal level strength here in western Europe.

Two Iranian jamming bubblers on 3967-3974 kHz, stronger carrier at 0307 UT on 3969.059 kHz. Voice of Iranian Kurdistan clandestine program in Kurdish on 3970.009 kHz. Both S=9+10dBm signal strength here in western Europe (Wolfgang B.schel, Oct 3, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 8 via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. 15540, Oct 8 at 1930, R. Kuwait starting 'Kuwait in the Heart of History' until 1942 UT back to Western pop music. Discussed border issues with Iraq (or whatever it was previously) since 1750y.

That reminds me, in map perusal of the 1960s, one could see two ``Neutral Zones``, one a diamond on the W side of Kuwait between Saudi Arabia and Iraq, and another parallelogramish on the S side between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. IIRC, hams tried to activate these as separate radio countries, natch. Should be interesting to research.

Googling includes:

<http://www.straightdope.com/columns/read/785/whats-up-with-the-neutral-zones-near-saudi-arabia>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saudi-Iraqi_neutral_zone

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saudi-Kuwaiti_neutral_zone

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. 15090, Radyo Azadi. 1114-1213 October 9, 2011. Clear, fair with presumed Pashto male and female chatter, sparse sound effects, including a few telephone rings, past top-of-hour but ID just after, maybe quick news headlines, back to bantering. Listed as 250 kW at 70-degrees on short-wave.info (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT [and non]. 17840, Oct 10 at 1243, YL vocal pop music with heavy beat, 1245 another YL with Arabic akhbar headlines punxuated by one-or-two-note stingers every few sex, 1246 already back to music; good S9+10 signal not often audible, but the bands from the ME are really hopping today. It's R. Sawa, 250 kW, 285 degrees from Kuwait at 11-13. R. Kuwait itself was also the SS0B on 21540, second being Sa'udi on 21505. Meanwhile USIB continues to entertain Arabs rather than inform, having abolished VOA's formerly respected Arabic service (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LESOTHO. Radio Lesotho. 639 Maseru. Oct 8, 2011, Saturday. Not there at 1819. Surprising, because equidistant Radio Botswana on 621 kHz is coming in really well tonight, and so is Family Radio from Maseru (albeit on 1197). Jo'burg sunset 1611. (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. The former Libyan Jamahiriya Radio was heard here on 20 August, still under the control of the Gaddhafi government, with programming in Arabic heard past 2200 on both 972 (Sirt) and 1053 (Tripoli) in parallel. Rebels entered Tripoli on 21 August and 1053 kHz was noted back on the air by 26 August, now under rebel control, with programming in Arabic (Dave Kenny, England, Medium Wave Report, Oct BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

1251, at 2150 20 August, V. of Africa, Tripoli, Arabic talk, full ID 2200 `Sawt Afriquiya mi Jahiriya till Ozma`` [sic], followed by pro-Gaddafi national anthem, close. Almost certainly the very last time this station was on the air; heard on Global tuner in Italy, good (Dave Kenny, MW Logbook, ibid.)

V. of Africa was last observed on SW 17725 on 15 August (altho MW 1251 continued until 20 Aug). Relay of LJB on 8500 continued until 18 Aug. No SW transmissions have been observed since the overthrow of the Libyan government by rebel forces last month (Dave Kenny, ed., [SW] DX News, ibid.) I continue to keep an ear on 17725 after 1400 in case the newbies resume a similar schedule (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

More old info gh just retrieved:

Onderwerp: (bdx) NATO Psy-Ops in Arab and English on 10125 kHz at 1233 UTC, 3 Sept. 73, (Ary Boender, Netherlands, bdx mailing list via DXLD)

Vandaag ook weer in de lucht maar nu op 10404 kHz USB. NATO met psy-ops uitzendingen naar Libya. Ik hoorde hen voor het eerst om 1209 UTC en nu om 1405 UTC zijn ze nog steeds actief. Als je gaat luisteren heb even geduld want er zit soms een pauze van enkele tot 10 minuten tussen de berichten (Ary Boender, Sept 4, ibid.)

** LUXEMBOURG. RTL LUXEMBOURG MARNACH TRANSMITTING SITE

Hello from Luxembourg. According to an article in the local press <http://www.lessentiel.lu/fr/news/luxembourg/story/24982716> it has been decided to close Marnach transmitting site at the end of 2014. RTL Group / CLT will then convert the site into a "data center", which will be environment- friendly ("green IT").

This is the result of lobbying and legal action taken over the last few years by local residents, who consider the transmitting site as the source of various nuisances. The article also adds that a spokesperson for the government said that there were "no appropriate site in Luxembourg" where to reinstall the antennae. Best 73 de (Francis Mougenez, Oct 7, MWCircle yg via DXLD) 1440 kHz, 1200 kW, but also at Marnach: 4 x 100 kW FM frequencies; those closing too? (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

Re: Closures: Marnach 1440 kHz

``Reports of RTL closing Marnach transmitter are premature
June 24th, 2011 - 12:18 UTC by Andy Sennitt.

Reports are circulating in Germany that RTL will close down its high power mediumwave transmitter (1440 kHz) in Marnach, Luxembourg, when its current licence expires in October. This follows a story in the newspaper Luxemburger Wort. However, something seems to have been lost in translation. I checked with Media Network contributor Benny Brown, who works at RTL. He tells me that iThis is a citizensí initiative, and no definite answers have been given for anything.î

The story apparently arose after some cows escaped through a metal fence that had been weakened by a combination of fog, moisture and RF from the mediumwave transmitter. Benny adds that iMarnach itself is a sleepy village in the far north of the country, where escaped cows form the bulk of the news.î (via gh, dxldyg via DXLD)``

A meeting was held October 3, the end of the permit for the Marnach site, with Luxembourg Government Ministers, local representatives and CLT-UFA and it was confirmed that Marnach 1440 will close within three years. CLT will then convert the site into a data centre which will be environmentally friendly.
http://www.gouvernement.lu/salle_presse/actualite/2011/10-octobre/03-marnach/

A Luxembourg newspaper contacted the Ministry as to whether the antennas could be re-located. Jeannot Berg, spokesman for the Department of Communications and Media, said there is no suitable site in Luxembourg. [as above]
<http://www.lessentiel.lu/fr/news/luxembourg/story/24982716>
(Mike Barraclough, Oct 12, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. 5010, Radio Madagasikara, 0213-0300, carrier + USB. Still on this frequency. Tune-in to Afro-pop music. IS followed by National Anthem at 0228. Lite instrumental music and Malagasy talk at 0230. Afro-pop music. African choral music. Weak. Poor in noisy conditions. Oct 5 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** MADAGASCAR. Radio Madagasikara. 4910, Antananarivo. Oct 2, 2011, Sunday. Not there at several checks between 1800 and 1900. Jo'burg sunset 1609.

4910, Antananarivo. Oct 3, 2011, Monday. 0225-0238. Not there. Should be on-air by now (EiBi). Jo'burg sunrise 0346.

4910, Antananarivo. Oct 4, 2011, Tuesday. Not there at 1826 check, Jo'burg sunset 1610.

5010, Antananarivo. Oct 4, 2011, Tuesday, from 1820 to 1909. Malagasy, and music. ID at 1834 (twice) "Radio Madagascar" and back to music, another ID at 1839 "Radio Madagascar" and back to music. At 1849 ID "Radio Madagascar", at 1858 "Madagascar". At 1902 "Malagasy", at 1903 "Madagasikara". At 1905 "Radio Madagascar" and a couple more "Madagascar"s then YL talking. Being fairly certain of the ID, I stopped listening at 1909.

Very poor in AM mode, almost unreadable. I had to use "sync" mode on the Sony ICF2001D and tune in the USB, reception was then excellent. In contrast to previous reports by Ron Howard in California, by myself, and by others, referring to the 4910 transmissions, on 5010

now there is little sign of AM transmission, although I suppose there must be some for the "sync" facility to lock on to. How are the poor sods in Madagascar supposed to receive this (presumably experimental?) stuff on their AM radios? Jo'burg sunset 1610.

Two days later on Thursday Oct 6, from 1805 to 1822, Malagasy, still on 5010. Could tune it in on AM, but it was unreadable due to distortion. As on Tuesday 4th, to hear it properly I had to use "sync" mode on the Sony ICF2001D; it could then be heard very well on the upper sideband. Jo'burg sunset 1610 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MADAGASCAR, 5010 usb, R. Madagasikara, Ambohidrano, 1713-1742, 08/10, Malagasy, talks, music; 34432, QRM de IND (AIR, Thiruvananthapuram, rated 34432) until 1741. 73. (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Madagasikara. 5010 Antananarivo. Oct 8, 2011, Saturday. 1920-1927. Malagasy, with music. Saturday night is party night, so long as you have a radio with USB or a sync facility. Very good. Jo'burg sunset 1611 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5010, 09/10/2011 1535-2002, R. Madagascar, news e corrispondenze telefoniche, musica oldies in FF, bella musica locale, alterna FF e malgasho ascoltata sino alle 2002 (poi ho chiuso per mal di schiena!). Sulla stessa frequenza Air Thiru.... con talk ed indian songs, s/off 1740. Da notare in Usb Madagascar, in Lsb India. (Questo perché il Madagascar modula solo la parte superiore della portante e qui è più forte dell'India, in LSB quindi c'è solo l'India) Entrambe con segnali suff

Qualche ascolto di Paolo Serena fatto provando la nuova antenna, il loop 1530S+ della Wellbrook, che sembra andare molto bene. Ciao (Giampiero Bernardini, Rx Drake R8B, ant. Wellbrook ALA 1530s+, QTH Mestre, playdx yg via DXLD)

** MADEIRA. 1530, PEF, Poiso, 1222-...., 09/10, advertisements, weather report, station slogan "Posto Emissor do Funchal - a sua rádio regional", later shortly after 1300 their songs program A Gosto do Ouvinte; 45454. Just 3 kW out the nominal 10 kW via a folded monopole. 73 (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAWI. MBC Radio One. 756, Blantyre. Oct 8, 2011, Saturday. 1820-1831. OM giving a lecture or posh talk, mentions "Your Excellency the President of Malawi", various MP's and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Presumably a very formal gathering! Later, 1828 he thanks the Archbishop of Canterbury [Church of England] for agreeing to be the guest of honour. Seems to be something to do with the Church of God.

(Note added later, October 9: It appears the Archbishop is doing a three-country tour of Southern Africa. The first I heard of it was via MBC Radio One in Blantyre. Viva shortwave! Well, actually, viva medium wave!) Poor, and no sign of // 594 kHz. Jo'burg sunset 1611 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 6049.52, Asyik FM via RTM continues to use this off frequency transmitter; in vernacular with pop songs at 1140 on both Oct 6 and 7 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6050+, Oct 10 at 1153, no audible het with HCJB Spanish, instead a fast SAH, so RTM must be back on 6050+ instead of 6049.5v (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Asyik FM on 6049.52 had transmitter problems on Oct 8. Off the air Oct 9. As Glenn heard, they returned to 6050.02 again on Oct 10 with series of phone calls at 1335. Oct 11 another day on 6050.02, but early sign off, gone by 1510 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6050.02, Salam FM via RTM, 1500*, Oct 12. Seems they have an earlier sign off time now. Had just started the singing iSalam FMî jingle when they suddenly went off the air (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 9835, Sarawak FM via Kajang 1300-1330 Oct 4. Usual ten-minute news bulletin, then usual mix of lite pop music, YL announcer, and occasional jingle; YL took a couple of phone calls at 1318. Fair + (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Hi everyone, 9835 kHz, 1905 UT 8/10/11, RTM presumed; could anyone help me to see if there is an ID. I can hear "Radio" at about 12 secs, then mentions of FM later but cannot quite get what is being said. Help much appreciated
<http://www.box.net/shared/ayrx2atyuk42n8pjfz7i>
Thank you very much in advance (Mark Davies, Anglesey, Wales, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Mark, It's a promo in Malay or Bahasa Malaysia for various events during October, which is designated "Bulan Bahasa Kebangsaan" ("National Language Month"). There are mentions of "Majlis Pelancaran Bulan Bahasa Kebangsaan Tingkat Negeri Sarawak Dua Ribu Sebelas" (roughly: "The Council for Launching National Language Month, Sarawak State Level, 2011") at 42 secs, 53 secs and 1 min 45 secs.

Around 58 secs, there is a mention of an event sponsored by "Dewan

Bahasa dan Pustaka, Radio Sarawak dengan kerjasama (somebody)" ("The Institute of Language and Literature (and) Radio Sarawak in cooperation with somebody)". I couldn't catch most of the venues where events are being held, but one of them is Politeknik Mukah in Central Sarawak (1 min 27 secs).

The slogan "satu bahasa, satu bangsa, satu negara" ("one language, one nation, one country") appears at 1 min 16 secs and 2 mins 3 secs, and the jingle at the end says "Bahasa Malaysia, bahasa kita" ("Bahasa Malaysia, our language"). Best regards (Alan Davies, Asia, ibid.)

** MALI. 5995.002, ORTMaliienne Bamako starts before 0600 UT, noted today at 0553 UT in French service, S=9+15dBm, today fluttery signal from Sahel zone. Program break at 0555-0557 UT, heard a 1093 Hertz measurement tone instead, measured right on Perseus SDR screen. Flute music interval signal started at 0557:30 UT til 0559:30 UT, when Malian National Anthem started, played by military brass band til 0600:30 UT. At exact 0601 UT heard 5 time pips in background of the Anthem music. ID by female at 0601 UT, followed by all frequencies announcement. At 0605 UT Holy Quran prayer (Wolfgang B, schel, Oct 7, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA. 7245, Oct 8 at 0603 chanting, IGIM had just come on, and not abutting 7250 VATICAN [q.v.] for a change.

7245, Sunday Oct 9 at 0452, IGIM is already on in Arabish squeezed between 7240 DW Rwanda English and 7250 Vatican French [q.v.]. You never know when IGIM will turn on its transmitter; last night not until 0600 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4845, Radio Mauritanie, 0630-0640, in Arabic. Male announcer with chanting, excellent reception. 09-October-2011 (Ed Wlodarski, N2ED, New Jersey, Ten Tec RX340 & 100 Ft Long Wire, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

!? Must resume checking 4845 for IGIM if possible vs WWC 4840 ACI, especially when unheard on 7245, but this very same date I reported: ``7245, Sunday Oct 9 at 0452, IGIM is already on in Arabish squeezed between 7240 DW Rwanda English and 7250 Vatican French. You never know when IGIM will turn on its transmitter; last night not until 0600``. So apparently they went back to 4845 AFTER a while on 7245. The old 2-frequency/1-transmitter schedule had them shifting from 4 to 7 around 0800. Has anyone else heard them at all on 4845 lately?

Checking out a report that IGIM had been heard on 4845 again, which had been inactive for many months: Oct 12 at 0502, not on 4845 or 7245 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Re: Who's off frequency on 940? I'm playing around with my Misesk phaser and am noticing 940 to be an interesting channel. The main station, semi-local is pretty much exactly on 940, but I'm also able to hear an oldies station ("Tell Laura I love her," etc.) is on 940.174 playing Big Bad John right now (0611 UTC). I'm seeing another carrier on 939.878 as well, and some faint traces on 939.989 and 939.962. Seemed to ID simply as "Oldies" at 0612. Who??? (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, IRCA mailing list via DXLD)

Walt - I think your 939.878 may be Mexico City [XEQ]. Last time I heard them they were on 939.88 (David Yocis - Harpers Ferry, WV, USA, Oct 4, ibid.)

Yes, I also heard XEQ on 939.880 last month which could fit with your 939.878 (Sylvain Naud, Portneuf, QC, ibid.)

** MEXICO. Pre-sunrise MWDX Oct 7, UT: These DX sessions are done with the DX-398 handheld for quick nulling and peaking, internal antenna only on AC inside. Reference: http://www.mexicoradiotv.com/frec_am.htm

580, Oct 7 at 1203 UT, talking about rain along highway 57 to San Antonio; correlates with yesterday's log of San Antonio ads on:
580 XEMU La Rancherita del Aire Piedras Negras, Coah. 5,000 2,500

630, Oct 7 at 1156 UT, promo for flu shots courtesy Grupo Radio Mèxico, noticias 6-30 AM, 1157 XEFB program promo:
630 XEFB FB La Estaciùn Que Da Las Noticias Monterrey NL 10,000 10,000

660, Oct 7 at 1211 UT, ``Radio 6-60, La Tremenda, N'mero Uno`` IDs, 6:11 timecheck, ads:
660 XEACB Radio 660, La Tremenda Cd. Delicias, Chih. 3,000 1,000

670, Oct 7 at 1203 UT, mentions Grupo Radio Mèxico, 1205 ma0anitas. Poor signal. I am trying, so far unsuccessfully, to hear the slogan Richard Allen reported from XETOR, ``La Voz Consuelo``. Anyhow it was XETOR:
670 XETOR Radio Ranchito Torreon, Coah. 1,000 250
This version of Cant' lists by state also shows Grupo affiliation:
http://www.radiotvmexico.net/contenido.php?edo_id=7&seccion=estacionesEdo

800, Oct 7 at 1214 UT, full ID from ``XEZR, La Traviesa`` in Spanish only, amid CCI from the very distorted talker (XEDD?) and KQCV OKC:
800 XEZR La Traviesa Zaragoza, Coah. 2,000 2,000

Wayne Heinen in CO says he also heard an English ID from XEZR at 0401 UT Sept 24. My Random House dictionary says traviesa means sleeping car (as in a train), rafter as in architecture, and the distance between two points, none of which make much sense for a radio station. Instead

we have to check the masculine travieso: transverse, crosswise, mischievous, willful, debauched, clever, subtle, ever-moving (of streams, etc.). Take your pick; I wonder which sense was intended. Do they use an English slogan in ID? Wayne also heard ``Channel 80``

1000, Oct 7 at 1218 UT, weather, 6:19 TC, fast SAH with KTOK OKC (which I have a hard time nulling, unlike sharp nulls on WKY 930 --- maybe because WKY is more groundwave being on N side of OKC while KTOK is further on the S side?). Keeps referring to ``nuestra ciudad`` which is NOT helpful, but we assume it is
1000 XEFV La Rancherita Cd. Ju-rez, Chih. 1,000 D
altho there are three other XEs in the UT-6 zone, in Chih, Sin.

1100, Oct 7 at 1224 UT, heavy beat music with drums, 1228 5:28 TC, full ID but tough copy of details, XEñAF[?], mil watts, address and phones, ``24 horas contigo``, Grupo Rasa[?] Comunicaciones, www site, also plugs availability on Canal 69(?) in New York. So it's:
1100 XENAS Unica + FM 96.1 Navojoa, Son. 1,000 500
(There is one other UT-7 in BCS but call XEBAC does not match.)

Per a Cant' link to <http://www.larsavision.tv/> it's Grupo Larsa, more about music TV than radio, on 39.3 in NY. Has link to listen to their radio stations, mostly FM and not including this one as it's just simulcasting 96.1. Hmm, 96.1 is not among the logos either. Anyhow.
V. also UNIDENTIFIED 1410

Post-sunrise MW DX Oct 8, UT; woke up too late:

1040, Oct 8 at 1237 UT, ``Frecuencia Mega, n'mero uno`` between news items. Cant' likely leads to this one, heard several times before:
1040 XEGYS La Primera + FM 90.1 Guaymas, Son. 5,000 250
Back in May, fellow MexDXer John Wilkins in CO thought the call had definitely changed to XEGIS, also heard ``Frecuencia Mega`` as in DXLD 11-27

For Mexican national anthem info, played all over the dial circa 1200 UT in two basic versions, orchestral and choral, some sources with the lyrix and English translations:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himno_Nacional_Mexicano
but for only a few of the original ten stanzas; since on some stations it goes on and on for some 5 minutes, it's multi-stanzaed but haven't counted them. It would be nice to know when to anticipate the final beat to be prepared for sign-on/ID.

more lyrix here:
<http://www.inside-mexico.com/anthem.htm>

again skipping some of the stanzas; have they been withdrawn?

<http://www.nationalanthems.info/mx.htm>

It's really war-mongering, but then so is the Star Spangled Banner. In the case of Mexico the inspirational enemy was the unnamed USA.

Mexicans sure are patriotic and proud of their NA, playing it two or four times a day on every (?) radio (and TV??) station. Finding ours on a US station is just about impossible anymore, no excuse being 24h operation, nor do daytimers bother with it either.

SW stations with limited/fragmented schedules could play it frequently, but WINB uses it as producion/talkover frequency-change ID, background music. It's just like disrespecting the flag.

Pre/sunrise MW DX Oct 9, UT:

610, Oct 9 at 1158 UT, ma0anitas but talkover about XEBX Sabinas celebrating its 65th anniversary, also mentioned Monclova, which is the next city down Hwy 57 to Monterrey. Cant':

610 XEBX La Primera Sabinas, Coah. 5,000 500

Homepage <http://www.radioxebx.com/> does not give exact date, but:

``ACERCA DE RADIO XEBX 610AM

XEBX es la estaci3n m3s tradicional en el norte del estado de Coahuila; grandes artistas y locutores han desfilado por los pasillos de esta emisora desde el d3a en que su primera transmisi3n sali3 al aire para la regi3n carbon3fera m3s importante del pa3s.

La Primera, empieza sus transmisiones en el a0o de 1936 en Sabinas, Coah. y desde ese momento esta radiodifusora es ya un s3mbolo de arraigo cultural e hist3rico de la regi3n.

XEBX la Primera, es de las pocas estaciones en el norte del pa3s que contin'an desde sus inicios con el mismo formato en su programaci3n. Sus ondas radiales llevan la m3sica mexicana a trav3s de sus 5 mil watts de potencia; esto mismo permite poder escuchar los mejores int3rpretes del g3nero ranchero, grupero y el ritmo de los grupos vallenatos.``

Original text lax axents except tildes, in the strange priority so many SS employ, so inserted by gh, and spelling and comma splices also corrected with semicolons, etc.

1000, Oct 9 at 1209 UT, KTOK OKC is surprisingly off, so I hunt for anything else. From N/S, Ciudad de M3xico is mentioned weakly, probably really remnant of XEOY, and from E/W, unfortunately the only station heard was the one I get anyway by nulling KTOK:

1214 polca music, Spanish interviews talking over polcas; 1222 IFE et

al. PSAs; 1223 ``La Rancherita, Mil A-M``; 1235 still in with same ID, program `La Polca del Domingo`. It is:

1000 XEFV La Rancherita Cd. Ju-rez, Chih. 1,000 D

1030, Oct 9 at 1242 UT, Mexican NA at very odd hour; Sunday morning operator overslept? Then R. F rmula ID but not sure if from same station. Once again the only such station listed by Cant' is the often-heard one:

1030 XEYC Radio F rmula Cd. Ju-rez, Chih. 5,000 500

1200, Oct 9 at 1222, some Mexican music is making it instead of WOAI. Of the seven listed, probably one of these two:

1200 XEWT W Radio + FM 97.7 Culiac n, Sin. 1,000 250

1200 XEYF Radio F rmula Hermosillo, Son. 1,000 250

WRT0 Chicago is also conceivable but I certainly have not been getting much from the north in the mornings.

Trying some MW DX other than pre-sunrise, Oct 10 at 0550-0602 UT, I am tuning around for Mexican National Anthems, but none lead to IDs:

760, at 0558 UT Oct 10, choral NA

810, at 0602 UT Oct 10, choral NA

920, at 0550 UT Oct 10, orchestral NA, but too much CCI; ends at 0553 with ID = sign off? by super-hype voice actor, but can't copy it

Pre/sunrise DX Oct 10, UT:

680, Oct 10 at 1216 UT, PSAs, mentions Guasave, noticiero, ``en punto 6:17``, YL with news of Hurac n Jova. Cant' shows:

680 XEOR0 La Mera Jefa + FM 93.7 Guasave, Sin. 1,000 500

Later in the hour, KNBR was dominant with sports unlike Sundays

770, Oct 10 at 1233 UT, gobierno federal PSA crediting the unnamed president for progress, ``40 Principales`` promo, Los Mochis ID for XH--- 104.3, 6:35 time:

770 XEREV Los 40 Principales + FM 104.3 Los Mochis, Sin. 5,000 100

900, Oct 10 at 1225 UT, ad for Vancouver Travel by YL speaking *German* in strange accent, presumably Low, for the Mennonites, back to Spanish for Radio Vida promo, PSA for C mara de Senadores, 1226 un programa de la Suprema Corte de Justicia.

Yes there is a travel agency by that name in Cuauht moc! But search sites are loathe to link to its own website, if any. IIRC there are also Mennonites in BC, so maybe this is a very specialized agency; I guess flying machines are allowed.

Once again, the R. Vida slogan is heard, not La Reina as in Cant':

900 XEDT La Reina Cd. Cuauht moc, Chih. 5,000 1,500

1100, Oct 10 at 1159 UT, self-promotion by ``Radio Ca00n, l1der en publicidad``, phone starting with 95-, singing ID and music. Cant': 1100 XETGO Radio Ca00n Tlaltenango, Zac. 5,000 400
Nice to get something deeper and easter than the usual NW ones now, a Zacatecan.

Pre/sunrise MW DX Oct 11 UT; this time instead of Cant' I am referencing the excellent 2010 IRCA Mexican Log, whose only drawback is that it's on paper and can't be copied and pasted. Info on ordering this and other IRCA publications:
<http://www.ircaonline.org/bookst.htm>

560, Oct 11 at 1204 UT ``en Monclova se oye ... XE-- presenta noticias``. IRCA: XEGIK, Monclova, Coahuila, 5000/500, La Acerera, 24h, format VAR, net RASA, transmitter at Ciudad Frontera, Coah.
(despite the name it is not on the border but just west of Monclova)

620, Oct 11 at 1205 UT, orchestral NA, 1207 ID as ``XEBU, La Norte0ita, 10 mil watts, para todo el estado``. IRCA adds: Chihuahua, Chihuahua, 5000/1000, 1200-0500, VAR, MEGA, v/s Reyna Salm0n de Boone Cant' and WRTH also list as 5 kW, so exaggerating or really upped?
It's strong enough at peaks to believe 10 kW

720, Oct 11 at 1203 UT, XEDE with promo including phone number. IRCA: Saltillo, Coahuila, 5000/250, La Kaliente, 24h, TRO/NWS format, net OIR, // XHEBC [FM]

760, Oct 11 at 1209 UT, choral NA from WSW, 1210 Antena 7-60, 6:10 TC, not a full ID, into music. IRCA: XEES, Chihuahua2, 1000/500, 1300-0500 [sic], CLA [sic] format, MEGA net. CLA means classical music, but not so now nor ever heard from this one here.

800, Oct 11 at 1201 UT, XEZR IDs, including vocal jingle, QRM from the unID distortion-station. IRCA: XEZR is 2000/250, Zaragoza, Coahuila, La Traviesa de Coahuila, 1200-0400, CIMA net, Radiof0nica del Norte.

810, Oct 11 at 1212 UT, Radio Rey, Noti-Rey, Reynosa mentioned, 7:12 TC, 22 grados, also Fahrenheit conversion. IRCA adds: XERI, Tamaulipas, 1000/100, 24h, BAL/NWS, SOMER, stereo

1180, Oct 11 at 1221 UT, romantic music from WSW vs IBOC KFAQ 1170 OK; 1224 segu0 from OM to YL song. Based on format and previous log, very likely as per IRCA: XEDCH, Ciudad Delicias, Chih., 5000/250, Rom0ntica 1180-AM, 1300-0700 [sic], ROM format. [Skeds, like 760, may be one hour off due to DST]

1300, Oct 11 at 1236 UT, 6:36 TC, ``Radio M0xico Noticias``, current delays in international bridge crossings including the one at Zaragoza

near Ju·rez. Not any more news now! Into ``The Power of Love`` by Huey Lewis & The News. With 50 kW, this one is capable of punching thru QRM such as Tulsa a bit past sunrise. IRCA: XEP, Ciudad Ju·rez, Chih., 50000/500, Radio Trece, Radio Centro, 24h, VAR, GRM/RAMA, notes: Woody Woodpecker theme (which I have yet to hear on it).

Pre/sunrise MW DX Oct 12 UT:

710, Oct 12 at 1234 UT, announcements about Ciudad Guerrero, 1235 ``Noticias 7-10``, 6:33 = 27:7 TC, news of Hurricane Jova threatening Jalisco. The latter is national news, but Cd. Guerrero is just west of Cuauhtēmoc, Chihuahua, so once again this must be, per IRCA: XEDP, 7000/-5000 [sic: the - means presumed, suspected or estimated], La Ranchera de Cuauhtēmoc, RAN/NOR, RAMA, possibly 24h on weekends

760, Oct 12 at 1236 UT, promo for R. Centro (I thought) mixing with another SS; but IRCA has no R. Centro on 760, nor any station a member of the GRC group. Nothing found in Cant' either nor WRTH

790, Oct 12 at 1230 UT, ``Radio F rmula, XENT-AM, 5 mil watts``. IRCA: XENT, La Paz, BCS, 5000/750, 13-07, Formats: ROM/NWS, Nets: ORF1/RSA

1100, Oct 12 at 1223 UT ``Radio Ca  n [illegible]. . . N mero Uno`` by superhype voiceactor (SHVA). IRCA has this slogan for: XETGO, Zacatecas, Zac., 5000/400, 1200-0600, Formats: NOR/RAN, Net: PM [the abbrs. explained in the IRCA Mexican Log introduction] (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6009.96, R. Mil, 1209-1232 Oct 4. D.F. ads, CDT (UTC-6 [you mean -5]) time check, then back to news-talk, with long phone calls - sounded like correspondents' reports or maybe short interviews; more ads at 1232. Generally fair, with an occasional good peak (Wilkins-CO)

MEXICO - 6184.98, R. Educaci  n, 1017-1059 Oct 3. Segued marimba tunes; no announcements until 1031 ID mentioning 1060 AM with 100,000 watts, website <http://www.radioeducacion.edu.mx> and 6185 SW; more non-stop marimba music followed to 1059, at which time a strong Chinese-language station came onto 6185. Excellent signal (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

6185, M...XICO, XEPPM (XEEP) Radio Educaci  n, M xico DF. 1353-1450 October 9, 2011. Tune-in to classical-ish music, suddenly and amusingly breaking into "Dixie (I Wish I Was In Dixie/Dixie's Land)" by the same orchestra, Spanish female just after 1400, male ID, back to eclectic music, another ID at 1410. Fair to weak, and on way later than usual. But seemingly off at 1505 and 1605 rechecks (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Looked for it after 1230 Oct

10, but no (gh)

** MEXICO [and non]. RADIOS UNIVERSITARIAS SON BÁSICAS PARA LA DEMOCRACIA --- ENCUENTRO. La primer charla del evento, ¡Realidades y retos de la comunicación en América Latina!, fue protagonizada por los especialistas Armand Mattelart y José Zepeda (Foto: PAOLA BERNAL EL UNIVERSAL)

Especialistas de varios países analizaron la situación de la comunicación actual e invitaron a los ciudadanos a despertar su espíritu crítico

Sábado 08 de octubre de 2011 | Alicia Portillo | El Universal

La Sala Miguel Covarrubias fue la sede seleccionada para llevar a cabo el primer encuentro de Radio Universitaria de Latinoamérica y el Caribe ¡Desde Nuestros Acentos!, la cual fue mediada por Rita Abreu, quien anunció el enlace con más de 100 radios universitarias, entre las que destacaron Radio UNAM y Radio UAM.

El evento, que se llevó a cabo en el Centro Cultural Universitario, tuvo como invitados a los representantes de las redes de radios universitarias de diversos países, entre los que destacaron Argentina, Cuba, Paraguay, Chile, Honduras, Nicaragua, Uruguay, Colombia, Ecuador, España y México.

Wim Jansen, director del Departamento Latinoamericano de Radio Nederland; José Morales Orozco, rector de la Universidad Iberoamericana; Katherine Grisby, directora y representante de la oficina de la UNESCO en México; Enrique Fernández Fassnacht, rector general de la Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana; Guillermo Gaviria, presidente de la Red de Radio Universitaria de Latinoamérica y el Caribe (RRULAC); y José Narro, rector de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), estuvieron presentes en la ceremonia inaugural de este evento.

Durante el encuentro, Rita Abreu parafraseó al ex director general de la UNESCO, Federico Mayor, para señalar la importancia de la radio universitaria: ¡El mar puede guardar silencio, nosotros no!. Durante su discurso, Wim Jansen aseguró encontrarse emocionado debido a que existen buenas razones para ello. ¡Hay una emoción para quienes trabajamos en radio Nederland. Tenemos buenas razones para ello, hace cerca de 30 años, amigos de la UNESCO, especialmente Alejandro Alfonso desde América Latina y Federico Mayor desde Europa, alentaron la creación de una red de radios universitarias. Los acompañamos en esta empresa, pero los obstáculos económicos fueron el factor principal que impidió la conclusión de la idea, pero hoy gracias a las facilidades tecnológicas, se han sumado las voluntades

de unos cuantos de México, Colombia, Argentina y Chile; como motor de partida de este vínculo colectivo de comunicación. . . [mucho más]
<http://bit.ly/rpbfRP>
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** MICRONESIA. 4755.47, The Cross R., 1240-1335+ Sep 30. Religious music, interspersed with occasional inspirational messages. Fair at tune-in, poor by 1330. Guess they once again "forgot" to turn off the SW transmitter (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, Drake R-8, 100-foot RW, Cumbre DX via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

** MONACO [non]. [MONTE CARLO site]. Trans World Radio Autumn Listening World shows they will move from 9800 to 7220 from October 30 for the morning English broadcasts, listed as 0800-0850 daily, no variations to times at the weekend as at present. Presumably this is via the Monte Carlo transmitter, 6105 currently via Nauen remains in parallel (Mike Barraclough-UK, WDXC-UK Contact magazine via BC-DX Oct 8 via DXLD)

Rather 7310 Moosbrunn Austria 100 kW and 6105 Nauen-D in winter season (Wolfgang B. schel, ibid.)

** MOROCCO. MARROCOS, 595 SNRT-"A", Oujda, has been off channel at least since the 3rd October; 2148-..., 07/10, interview; 54554, adjacent QRM only. Yesterday's evening, however, Oujda was back on the right frequency, 594. 73. (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO [and non]. 15341, Oct 8 at 1302, IMM missing from here and not on 15345v either, allowing HCJB Australia to be clear for a change on 15340 during S. Asian song, presumably with Christian lyrics imposed. At 1509, 15345 had come on, but unmodulated (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15345.16, Radio Morocco, Nador. 1810 October 9, 2011. Fair with almost jazz instrumental music, then Arabic male reading not Qur'an stuff. Checking for Argentina, but no trace of (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOZAMBIQUE. A new Centre opened Oct 02 at R Mozambique, Matutuine district, Maputo province, which will facilitate the change from analogue technology to digital. The Prime Minister, Aires Ali, who carried out the inauguration of the new infrastructure, considered the work to be a great pride for the Mozambican nation, ranking it the highest building and one of its kind built since the proclamation of independence for the sector broadcasting. As part of the celebrations of 36 years of that station and the first 78 years of radio emission in Mozambique, the inauguration of the project was witnessed by

members of the Government, civil society representatives, staff of R Mozambique, and numerous popular ...

Original in Portuguese at:

<http://www.jornalnoticias.co.mz/pls/notimz2/getxml/pt/contentx/1312158>
("Notícias" newspaper from Maputo via Fernando Ferreira, Leiria, Portugal, translated by Google Translator, DSWCI DX Window Oct 5 via DXLD)

** MYANMAR. 5985.832, Very weak signal on threshold level at 1308 UT Oct 6, heard on remote SDR unit in southern Finland. Signal will be stronger in coming winter months in eastern Europe (Wolfgang B.schel, Oct 6, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR/BURMA. 5985.83, Myanma Radio via Yangon, 1432-1453*, Oct 7. The North Korean jamming that was used against Shiokaze (1430*) ended at 1436. Myanmar continues with their long standing practice of switching transmitter sites during their evening broadcast.

5985.0, Myanma R. via Naypyidaw, *1453, Oct 7. Switched over to this frequency after closing down Yangon's 5985.83.

Both 7185.84 and 7200.02 have been missing for some days now; must have changed their schedule again (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See UNIDENTIFIED 5835

By chance I heard some Burmese (?) station mostly with music on 7290 kHz this morning (8 Oct 2011) around 0100 to past 0200 UT. Myanmar on new freq? 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, India, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re. 7290 - engineer typo of 7189v? 7290 at present 1358 CNR 1 Beijing in Mandarin heard.

5985.831 ...x.834 wandered Female voice heard with Myanmar frequency announcement around 1350 UT Oct 8. Typical gongs at 1355 UT. Nothing heard on 5835 kHz now.

MDF Myanmar Defence Forces, Taunggyi, at present 1410 UT on 5770.016, just above threshold in Eastern Europe. above logs all on remote SDR receiver reception in Finland and Russia (Wolfgang B.schel, ibid.)

** MYANMAR/BURMA. Checking at 1419, Oct 8.

5770, with pop song.

5835, clearly not broadcasting today during checks from 1200 to 1420.

5915, certainly sounded like the usual Distance Learning Service lecture under CRI.

5985.83, was here, but covered by Shiokaze, but no jamming today. What was strange was that it sounded like N. Korea jamming on Shiokaze's former 6135. Why? Totally covered Madagascar there!

Both 7185.83 and 7200.02 continue missing during checks around 1200 (their usual sign off time had been about 1220 or so) on Oct 8. Must have moved, but where?

5915, Myanma R., 1323, Oct 11. EZL pop songs; BoH usual indigenous theme music before the start of the lectures from the Distance Learning Service; weak under CRI, but one of their better receptions.

Myanma Radio, both 7185.83 and 7200.02 (they had been switching back and forth between these two frequencies before they changed their schedule); continues missing during checks around 1200 (their usual sign off time had been about 1220 or so), as of Oct 11. So where is it now and what time are they broadcasting? (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5985.0, Myanma Radio via Naypyidaw. A first for me to note Buddhist chanting from 1518 to 1527, Oct 12 followed by small bell being rung three times; BoH usual indigenous theme music before the start of their last English segment of the day; ID; news of the activities of government officials; 1537 iThis news comes to you from Myanma Radioî; I did not hear the usual anti-VOA, BBC, RFA and DVB slogan that had been used here for years; non-stop EZL pop songs (Reba McEntire and Kelly Clarkson iBecause of Youî, etc.); 1600 covered by strong sign on of CRI, but Myanmar did not sign off. Normally they are severely bothered by adjacent splatter/QRM, but not today. In another 2 to 4 weeks this might have a chance for some decent reception if the QRM stays off. Edited MP3 audio at <http://www.box.net/shared/lmbr22d1zuqrgro375zd>

Interesting story about the rapid changes going on within Myanmar: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-10-12/is-myanmar-giving-democracy-a-try-the-ticker.html>
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [and non]. RNW Sites on Panoramio

http://www.panoramio.com/user/2130923?with_photo_id=13804636

New all clear GE 2011 Imagery of RNW Talata-Volonondry txer site now

available. [included above? No separate link]

RNW Panoramio - Bonaire [1]

<http://static.panoramio.com/photos/original/1245304.jpg>

(Ian Baxter, NSW, Oct 10, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 6125, Oct 11 at 0538, Cuban music, soon IDed as RNW, in English! Continued with Cuban jazz, mostly piano and percussion, 0549 outro as the Ramon Valle Trio, and continued with Lecuona's ``Siboney`` in quite a different version. Seems Valle is a Dutch Cuban (this autolaunches music, beware):

<http://www.ramonvalle.nl/index2.html>

Then I dozed but I think it ran past 0600 until 0602*. Quite an improvement over the awful DentreCuban signal on 6150 from RHC.

At 0540, 6125 was not // 9895 RNW in Dutch with poor signal. 6125 is 250 kW, 114 degrees via VATICAN at 0500-0557 daily, supposedly also in Dutch. SMG CVA brought up wrong feed channel? Nice to hear RNW in English again during this hour when it once broadcast to W North America via Bonaire until they abandoned us.

6125, Oct 12 at 0530, RNW via VATICAN, item about the weather in Croatia, back in Dutch instead of English by mistake almost 24 hours earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Re 11-40: KBC to use 6095 --- Could it be that the 6095 frequency has been chosen deliberately to stay in the talks by triggering these speculations that it would be Junglinster [LUXEMBOURG]? It is of course not, instead as assumed Wertachtal [see GERMANY], running 100 kW into a quadrant antenna (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GERMANY, New station via MBR - Mighty KBC Radio in Dutch/English/Music:

0900-1600 on 6095*WER 100 kW / non-dir to WeEU Sat/Sun from Oct. 8/9

1000-1700 on 6095*WER 100 kW / non-dir to WeEU Sat/Sun from Oct. 30

* strong co-channel CRI in English from 1500

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 10 Oct via DXLD)

KBC-Tests 6095 Wertachtal 9-16 UT --- >>>> ``KBC-Tests start tomorrow a music program via Wertachtal 6095 kHz at 0900-1600 UT, in Winter season 1hr later at 1000-1700 UT, Saturdays and Sundays.``

Nothing heard in Copenhagen this Monday, Oct. 10. 73, (Erik Koie, Denmark, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) As expected

** NIGER. 9704.99, LV du Sahel, *0500-0515, test tone at 0459:37. Sign on at 0500:10 with choral National Anthem. Ten second flute IS at 0502

and into talk in unidentified language. Qur'an at 0503-0507. Talk at 0507. Indigenous vocals. Poor, mixing with Radio Ethiopia 9705. Oct 5 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9705, Voice of Sahel (tentative); 2107-2131+, 6-Oct; M in Arabic talking over chant; 2109 went into lengthy commentary in Arabic -- mentioned Niamey. SIO=3+52+, cleanest in LSB (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NIGER/ETHIOPIA, A 1000 Hertz measuring tone started at 0458 til exact 0500 UT from Niamey Niger transmitter site, 0500 UT when time pips noted and Niger National Anthem play started. Voix du Sahel Niamey hit the R Ethiopia program on 9705.003 kHz. Both programs on very same signal strength level S=7-8 much fluttery, at 0500-0551 UT Oct 9 (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 9, HCDX via DXLD)

**** NIGERIA. FRCN KADUNA ON REDUCED SCHEDULE DUE TO DISRUPTED POWER SUPPLY**

Damage to the Power Holding Company's (PHCN) armoured cable that supplies electricity to the Jaji main station of the Federal Radio Corporation of Nigeria (FRCN) Kaduna is the reason the station was off the air for about seven days.

Speaking to the Daily Trust yesterday, the Acting Zonal Director of the station, Alhaji Muhammad Sani Suleiman said, 'I am telling you sincerely that the damage of that cable is the reason we are on and off. It is not that we are not operating completely, we reschedule our programmes since we cannot afford buying diesel to run our usual programmes. You know how diesel is now in Nigeria. This is why we transmit in the morning and go off for sometimes before we resume transmission to enable us manage the little diesel we can afford.

'Money for the repairs of the damaged cable has been released and the men of the PHCN are right now doing everything possible to fix it back. It is not surprising how the cable got spoiled now as it has been there for quite some time,' Alhaji Suleiman said.

(Source: Daily Trust)(October 12th, 2011 - 13:37 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

**** NIGERIA. 15120, Oct 7 at 0522, VON is the SSOB tho R. Australia is audible again on 15160, 15240. But as usual, 15120 has big hum marring discussion of debt crisis; S9+12 would be adequate if it weren't for VON's incredible self-inflicted technical problems.**

15120, Oct 9 at 0442, S9+15 hum and whine on VON carrier; 0449 in drumming, other native instruments, tweeting in IS vs hum.

15120, Oct 10 at 0452, VON is the OSOB at S9+10 with drumming, etc. IS (or prÉlude); hum not too bad today, but higher-pitched whine. 0500 recheck has already faded to S6-S9 and now very undermodulated; can barely hear YL ID, 0500 timecheck, introducing news. By 0541 recheck, carrier is JBA, but Australia and Botswana are now BA on 19m (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Nigeria testing in DRM mode ?

<http://www.drmtx.org/forum/showthread.php?t=2359>

(via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, Oct 12, dxldyg via DXLD) Viz.:

11770 kHz, "VON" --- Something new! Label says "VON" and it is supposed to be "Oldies Music". Any clues? S7 - S9+5 dB with Fading, country is "BW" and the sound is missing.

Suddenly there was some kind of music during the second log. The signal disappeared at 1519 UTC.

Attached Images

File Type: png 11770-111011-1332-1423-HED362@CH.png (41.4 KB, 28 views)

File Type: png 11770-111011-1446-1519-HED362@CH.png (40.8 KB, 20 views)

Regards, (Terje, HED362, a.k.a. digger, Switzerland, 11 Oct, DRMRX forum via DXLD)

<http://www.omnirep.se/drm/>

Last edited by Digger : 11-10-2011 at 15:23. Reason: Added the Logs

Wow, is this really Botswana?

Just caught the last minutes upon Terje's report.

Attached Images

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Friedrich.....DK6QI.....52 N 07 E

<http://www.mar1386.com>

(FritzWue, Location: 40 km west of Muenster, NRW, Germany, ibid.)

Friedrich, good point. (OMG, I did not see THAT label!!)

IS03 IS02 Name

BWA BW Botsuana

I thought it was Baden-Wuertenberg !! But fair enough, it said "Other

language". Some of the songs were in English. I caught 28 minutes of sound on HDD. The SNR peaked at 30 dB here - I wonder where the TX was. This label I saw, but I was not here at the end of the transmission.

Attached Images

File Type: jpg von1334utc_label1400w.jpg (12.2 KB, 16 views)

File Type: jpg von_channel_impulse_r_wee.jpg (16.3 KB, 12 views)

Regards, (Terje HED362, ibid.)

Terje, as you can see from my screenshot the label showed "Hausa" as language. As far as I understand from Wikipedia Hausa is spoken in Ghana, Nigeria etc.. [http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hausa_\(Sprache\)](http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hausa_(Sprache)) ...very strange... (Friedrich.....DK6QI.....52 N 07 E, ibid.)

At a guess this may be the Voice of Nigeria testing one of their new transmitters at Abuja. Regards, (Kevin, radioeng, ibid.)

@ Kevin, probably you are right, VON and Hausa match.
Here is the station, copy and paste into Google Earth:
8.964701, 7.362996

Obviously they have ambitions going digital: "The Director-General said that on completion, the project would produce a radio station with capability to broadcast in digital and analogue systems on the short wave band."

11770 kHz is also listed as one of their frequencies:

<http://www.voiceofnigeria.org/freq.htm>

(Friedrich.....DK6QI.....52 N 07 E, ibid.)

Yes, that's why I said "OMG, I saw that now". The last 10 minutes I was out of the office - all the time before that it only said "Other language" and "BW". VON - Voice Of Nigeria - makes sense. And, during my first log there was absolutely NO sound at all - not even any residue of hum or anything. Regards, (Terje, HED362, ibid.)

Are the tests connected to this?

<http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=12238>

(drmdab, northern Germany, ibid.)

Hi all,

AM on this frequency this morning. Same kind of music as during the afternoon yesterday mixed with carrier only, some talk, 1000 Hz test tone and sometimes just a carrier wave.

One give-away was a male voice mentioning "Book Fair in Nigeria" just before 0930 UT. Regards, (Terje, HED362, 12 October, DRMRX fora via

WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

Now 1110 UTC DRM: "TEST TRANSMISSION VON". But from where? (The second line never showed up). The receiving conditions were not so good today, or they beamed in another direction. China chewed in the upper part of the DRM spectrum and a co-channel carrier did not help either. Attached Images

File Type: jpg voice_of_nigeria_label112oct11at1100utc.jpg (25.2 KB, 9 views)

File Type: png 11770-111012-1057-1316-HED362@CH.png (43.6 KB, 2 views)
Regards, (Terje HED362, 12 Oct, ibid.)

Bodo - der Ingenieur von Thomcast Turgi Schweiz ist seit anfangs Oktober wieder vor Ort, testet die 3 neuen Sender in Abuja jetzt auch im DRM mode. Die Sender stehen ja ready seit 22 Monaten im afrikanischen Busch bereit, aber organisatorisch und pekunär hat sich die Angelegenheit noch nicht erledigt.

Bodo Fritsche, jetzt DF8DX {ex DL30CH} ,ber seine e-mail Adresse df8dx @ gmx.de erreichbar.

Heute h're ich auf 11770 VoNigeria kein DRM mode signal. 73 wolfgang

<http://www.drmtx.org/forum/showthread.php?t=2359>

<http://www.drmtx.org/forum/attachment.php?attachmentid=68229&d=1318347279>

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<http://www.drmtx.org/forum/attachment.php?attachmentid=68222&d=1318343383>

<http://www.drmtx.org/forum/attachment.php?attachmentid=68227&d=1318346560>

(Wolfgang B,schel, via DXLD)

GERMAN CONTRACTOR PLUGS HIS AMATEUR TRANSCEIVER INTO GIANT ROTATABLE VOICE OF NIGERIA ANTENNA. Posted: 11 Oct 2011

Amateur Radio Newsline, 7 Oct 2011, Bill Pasternak: "In down to Earth DX news, DL30CH will be active as 5N7Q from Abuja, Nigeria, through October 15th. His operation will be on 40 through 10 meters using one of the largest fully rotatable short wave broadcast antennas in the world. It has a gain of over 20 dbi on all bands." This German radio amateur is in Nigeria "for maintenance of broadcasting station in Abuja. ... I have not more than 100W" See QRZ.com, 8 Oct 2011.

Voice of Nigeria, 6 July 2011: "Director-General, Voice of Nigeria, Malam Abubakar Jijiwa, who conducted the minister around the site, said the facility stood on 120 hectares of land. ... The VON Boss, said that all the equipment procured were digitally compliant. [I]n his words; 'the facility is yet to be officially handed over by the contractor since full payment has not been made for the job done.' He

noted that the Ministry of Finance had approved the payment of the next stage of the project and that VON was in the process of paying."

QRZ.com, 21 Jan 2011, Bodo Fritsche: "It's a fully rotatable curtain antenna with 32 stocked dipoles. Each 16 for lowbands (6-16MHz) and highbands (16-26MHz). Its 80m high, more than 20dBi gain on each band, weight 280 tons, rotated by 20kW motors, completely remote controlled." (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6925.1, 9/10 0030-0141* Commander Bunny, WBNY, pirate, strong American accent, a lot of talks and some songs, like a show, mentioning New York several times, weak, my first North American pirate.

6950, 9/10 0150, Wolverine Radio, pirate, USB, old jazz songs, then rock and other, IDs, good (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: Excalibur Pro, ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. ----- Domestic-NA pirates---- Hi Gents, These loggings are from our Bakerís Island-Salem, MA DX-pedition. Attendees: Chris Lobdell, John Fisher [the Massachusetts one].

UNID, 6935 AM, 0042-0046*, 10-09-11 SI0:454. Played the song iNights In White Satinî by The Moody Blues And then off. No announcements, on again with one song at 0122-0125* [Lobdell-MA]

Wolverine Radio, 6950 USB, 0149-0241, 10-09-11, SI0: 555. Killer signal out at the Island, Started with old song from The 1940s, then into more modern tunes all about lies and lying as the subject. Is Wolverine trying to send a message to someone? Into slow scan TV at 0241 after ID. [Lobdell-MA]

Location: Bakers Island, Salem, MA; Receiver: Eton E1; Two random long wires. Hi gents, a few more recent logs:

Pirate-NA. Ann Hoffer Live, 6925 USB, 2350-0006*, 10-9/10-11, SI0: 343. Ann with guitar on lap singing/strumming her favs including "Nights In White Satin" twice. [Lobdell-MA]

Pirate-NA Radio Paisano, 6925 AM, 0008-0042*, 10-10-11, SI0: 343. This Columbus Day Themed pirate came on right after Ann with IDs by OM w/fake Italian accent, playing Italian tunes and comedy bits. [Lobdell-MA]

RX: Eton E1, 40 meter dipole (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180, Cumbre DX via DXLD) See also EUROPE; see also CANADA

Hi Gents: Pirate activity continues with OK conditions ---

PIRATE-NA. RADIO RONIN, 6925 AM, 0104-0135*, 10-11-11. SI0: 232.
Ronin playing guitar blues/jazz Santana like at times. ID and talk by
OM. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-NA. VOICE OF CAPTAIN RON SHORTWAVE, 6930.25 USBv, 0140-0302+
10-11-11 SI0: 333. Captain Ron playing at show from 2001 with a story
about monkeys, ID, email address. Occas. someone else would come on
over him saying not so nice things about Ron. [Lobdell-MA]

(Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180, RX: Eton E1, 40 meter
dipole, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

IIRC, there is at least one lady in Cumbre (gh, DXLD)

** NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. QSLs: 7390, Radio Free Asia, Burmese
broadcast via IBB/VOA Tinian transmitter site. Full data (with site
indicated) Special RFA / Hamfest 2011 Tokyo Japan QSL card, for e-mail
report. Reply in 24 days.

9715, Radio Free Asia, Vietnamese broadcast via IBB/VOA Tinian
transmitter site. Full data (with site indicated) Special RFA /
Hamfest 2011 Tokyo Japan QSL card, for e-mail report. Reply in 29 days
(Edward Kusalik-Alberta, Canada, Oct 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 780, Oct 10 at 0557 UT, KSPI Stillwater carrier is still
on all-night, evidenced by groundwave DF and the fast SAH it makes
with WBBM. Many others could log the 250-watt ``daytimer`` by this
method. I should try to count the Hz offset (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD
OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1000, Sunday Oct 9 at 1209 UT, I find that KTOK OKC is
OFF, allowing stations from Mexico [q.v.] thru unimpeded. Very
unusual. Still off at 1251 check; not checked again until 1545 when it
was back. BTW, KTOK never runs IBOC any more, whew (Glenn Hauser,
Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1580, Oct 9 at 1227 UT, KOKB Blackwell has lost feed from
Stillwater again, open carrier only, atop some other station with
music. // 1020 KOKP Perry is nominal. By 1248, KOKB has started
modulating sports talk (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140.52, Sultanat al-Uman Radio, Thumrait. 1425-2201*
October 8, 2011. Noted something here at 1425, seemingly not in
English during the often English block, and chimes just after 1430.
Recheck at 1807, still there in what appeared to be Arabic. Recheck
2057, clearly Arabic, chimes just past 2100, male and female happy
Arabic chat and funny/joy laughs between somewhat traditional Arabic

vocals, mentions of Oman, with very good signal at this point. Faux Big Ben chimes 2201:23 (can't Big Ben sue for copyright infringement?), Arabic male ID, then transmitter abruptly off at 2201:23 (listed as 2200 closing in the WRTVH). Hmmm. a 23-second delay pattern established here. Nothing heard in the 1400 hour the next day, October 9, much less anything off-frequency. Corrected already? And see 15355.52, same technical issue there.

15355.52, Sultanat al-Uman Radio, Thumrait. 0240 October 9, 2011. Big, nearly local signal with nice Arabic vocals, male and female Arabic chipper announcers. Why are seemingly all Radio Oman channels suddenly 0.52 kHz off-frequency on the high-end now? Faux Big Ben chimes, ID at 0259:52, then female, "It's [?] 'O'clock" into accented English female world news. "This is the news from the Radio Sultanate of Oman" at 0305 by same female news reader, into next news item. News ended at 0309, then Arabic pop vocals, male UK-accented DJ, mentioned an FM frequency (not copied, ninety-something I think). (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140.4, Radio Sultanate Oman. I was hunting many years for R. Sultanate Oman Station, but here in Western Canada it wasn't possible. Now when the propagation is much better I started to hear at 15-22 UT very weak signals but on 15140.4 MHz, not on 15140 MHz [sic]

Because you're living closer to the transmitter site of the station, could you be so kind to check the frequency, is it really 15140.4 kHz? Regards, Lev (Lev Lytovchenko-CAN, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 8 via DXLD)

15140.511, See the screenshot of late, last broadcasting hour of the day from Oman, 2100 til 2200 UT Oct 8th. Exact frequency is 15140.511 kHz, to the remote Software Defined Radio screen. Calibration center tuning of the rx unit against basic time signal on 15.000 MHz from Ft Collins, Colorado, USA (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 8, ibid.)

R Sultanate of Oman, Thumrait transmitter seems is now back on even frequency, 15140.000 to x.001 kHz at 1414 UT Oct 12. ID at 1417 UT in American English accent (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140.0, Oct 10 at 2018, poor signal with music, presumed R. Sultanate of Oman. Was checking this since Terry Krueger in FL had found it off-frequency to 15142.52, all day Oct 8 1425-2201*. Not any more. He also had their other frequency 520 Hz high on 15355.52 at 0240-0309+ with a ``big, almost local signal``, in English after 0300, but I could not hear that Oct 11. At 1413 Oct 11, it's also on 15140.0, very poor M&W talking, can't be sure if English instead of Arabic, mixing music (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, R. Sultanate of Oman. 1446-1450, Oct 11 in English with advice about personal finances (credit cards, etc.); into pop music till 1459 in Arabic. Heard daily (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15365, OMAN, BBC, 0338 English, program iClickî reporting on a museumís new website. Good. 10/12/11. (Sellers-BC) Overshadowing:

15355, OMAN, Radio Sultanate of Oman, 0302 English, woman with news, ID iThis news comes to you from Radio Sultanate of Oman.î, 0309 end of news and into announcements, but too weak to understand. Poor. 10/12/11 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. Here is what I heard recently in Skovlunde on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire:

3975, 0047-0110, 06.10, Rawalpindi III, Islamabad, Kashmiri (presumed) talk after Qur'an recitation, 0059 ann: "Studio...", jingle, time signal, ID in Urdu: "Yeh Radio Pakistan-he", public service ann about flooding in Pakistan and telephone number, 0101 news, 0105 mixed choir sang about "Talibani"! Strong signal S9+25 dB, 55444 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) See also KASHMIR

** PAKISTAN. 15265, Radio Pakistan, Islamabad, Rawat. 1701-1749 October 9, 2011. Tune-in to accented English female world news, though mostly Paki-centric, with lots of mentions of Pakistan. "This is Radio Pakistan" at 1705 by same female and back to news items, URL (not copied) then male "Radio Pakistan" at 1710:30, apparently resuming Urdu programming, into Paki-Islamic vocals with flute accompaniments, seemingly Urdu man briefly at times. No audible parallels. Fair, and this would have been in the clear if not for what sounded like moderate level TV interference (shifting buzzing), probably from someone in the neighborhood watching NFL. First Radio Pakistan log here in forever. Thanks Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria log in the October Australian DX News via World Of Radio 1585, DXLD (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also KASHMIR

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3205, NBC Sandaun. As of October 7, they continue to be off the air (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 9395 // 11720 // 15190, DZRM Radyo Magasin simulcast via R. Pilipinas. Oct 5 had problem with the audio feed, as they were about a half an hour late starting. 1726 open carrier; no 1730 sign

on; o.c. went off the air at 1741; by 1809 was on the air in Tagalog with program about overseas Filipino workers (OFW) in Jordan; probably about the recent arrest of 39 undocumented OFW there; countless mentions of i0-F-Wi; some pop songs. This was the Wednesday only simulcast of iDZRM Radyo Magasin 1278 kHzi; 11720 best; 9395 and 15190 fair to poor. 15190 with no Radio Africa. Audio streaming working well. Here is a direct link <http://www.pbs.gov.ph/dzrm/> (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES [and non]. 9920, PHILIPPINES vs. VIETNAM, FEBC Bocaue, Bulacan / Viet jammer. 1135 October 8, 2011. Christian scripture readings, gospel vocals in non-Chinese Asian language, all under big Vietnamese siren jammer (first log of it here in ages). All still present though much weaker past 1300, with no sign of KNLS, Anchor Point, Alaska making it in here at 1300 sign-on (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES [and non]. 11710, R Veritas Asia (RVA), Palauig, 0033, Sep 24, Bengali was facing strong co-channel interference from AIR General Overseas Service with news and news commentary in English. But later monitoring around 0054, I heard signal of RVA-Bengali was free from co-channel interference of AIR. Perhaps it was on different frequency (technical problem) during 2245-0045 AIR-GOS English transmission to NE Asia. As per Jose Jacob's information sheet of AIR schedules, the 25 mb frequency should be 11645 (250 kW) via Delhi (Khampur). (Gautam Kumar Sharma, Abhayapuri, Assam, India, DSWCI DX Window Oct 5 via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES [and non]. Radio Veritas Asia B11
SHORTWAVE TRANSMISSION SCHEDULE 30 October 2011 to 25 March 2012

TIME (UTC) FREQUENCY (kHz)

Bengali

0030ñ0057 11710 PUG

1400ñ1427 11870 PUG

Myanmar

2330ñ2357 9720 PUG

1130ñ1157 15450 PUG

Filipino

2300-2327 9720 PUG

1500-1553 15350 SMG

Hindi

0030ñ0057 11850 PUG

1330ñ1400 11870 PUG

Hmong

1200ñ1227 11935 PUG

Kachin

2330ñ2357 9645 PUG

1230ñ1257 15225 PUG

Karen

0000ñ0027 11935 PUG

1200ñ1230 15225 PUG

Khmer

1000ñ1030 11850 PUG

Mandarin

2100ñ2257 6115 PUG

1000ñ1157 9615 PUG

Sinhala

0000ñ0027 11850 PUG

0000ñ0027 15460 PUG

1330ñ1400 9520 PUG

Tamil

0030ñ0057 11935 PUG

1400ñ1427 9520 PUG

Telugu

0100ñ0127 15530 PUG

1430ñ1500 9515 PUG

Urdu

0100ñ0127 15280 PUG

0100ñ0127 17860 PUG

1430-1457 15435 SMG

Vietnamese

2330ñ2357 9670 PUG

0130ñ0230 15530 PUG

1030ñ1127 11850 PUG

1300ñ1327 11850 PUG

Chin

0130ñ0157 15255 PUG

1430-1500 9620 PUG

PUG = Palauig, Zambales, Philippines

Transmitters: 3 x 250 KW

Antenna Type:

3x HRS 4/4/0.3

4x HRS 4/4/0.5

8x HR 2/2/0.5

SMG=Santa Maria di Galeria, Vatican City

(via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

** POLAND [non]. BIG CHANGES AT POLSKIE RADIO FOREIGN SERVICE

Just in is the new operational schedule from Babcock for the B11 season, and it should be definite now also for Polskie Radio after they were busy evaluating various scenarios during the last weeks.

The big surprise: They will use 1296 from Orfordness, and I suspect it was primarily the operator who successfully convinced them of doing so. It could become the only remaining analogue transmission from Orfordness, RNW no longer shows up in the new Babcock schedule. There may still be a slim possibility that it is an omission at this point, but if not now it would happen in next year anyway.

What Polskie Radio will carry on 1296 is English, and for that they will throw it off shortwave altogether. How is the reception of 1296 in the UK and Ireland, behind the beam that goes during darkness out over Germany to the area from Poland to Hungaria? Using 1296 for German would make more sense I think.

Of the considered overseas shortwave services only Polish via Sackville will be implemented. Kranji will not be used, and the existing transmissions via Al-Dhabbaya and Moosbrunn will be terminated as well. All that remains besides the new Sackville transmission are some Woofferton slots, and they will be cut back considerably. Two of the four slots for Russian will, as already reported, be terminated, and so will be two of the three slots for German. Belarusian will be cut back from 2.5 to 1.5 hours and Ukrainian from 3.5 hours to a mere 30 minutes.

The schedule in all its glory, PRW:

1296	1800-1900	Orfordness	UK	300	96	English	UK/WeEUR	
15260	2200-2300	.....s	Sackville	CAN	250	285	Polish	NoEaAM
15260	2200-2300	smtwtf.	Sackville	CAN	250	285	Polish	NoEaAM
15770	1400-1430		Woofferton	UK	125	70	Russian	Russia
15245	1400-1430		Woofferton	UK	125	62	Russian	Russia
15245	1430-1500		Woofferton	UK	125	75	Belorussian	NoEaEUR
9580	1500-1530		Woofferton	UK	125	78	German	WeEUR

9580	1530-1600		Woofferton	UK	125	66	Russian	Russia
11905	1600-1630		Woofferton	UK	125	78	Ukrainian	NoEaEUR
6050	1630-1730	s.....	Woofferton	UK	125	82	Polish	NoEaEUR
6050	1630-1730	.mtwtfs	Woofferton	UK	125	82	Polish	NoEaEUR
9545	1730-1800		Woofferton	UK	250	105	Hebrew	EaMed/NE/ME/NoAF
5920	1900-2000		Woofferton	UK	125	70	Belorussian	NoEaEUR
5920	2000-2100		Woofferton	UK	125	70	Polish	NoEaEUR
7330	2200-2300	.....s	Woofferton	UK	250	282	Polish	NoEaAM
7330	2200-2300	smtwtf.	Woofferton	UK	250	282	Polish	NoEaAM

And if there was still a doubt about Rampisham going dark on Oct 29:
It will definitely, the site no longer shows up in the B11 schedule.
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 9, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

> Rampisham going dark ...

7330	2200-2300	.....s	PRW Woofferton	UK	250	282	Polish	NoEaAM
7330	2200-2300	smtwtf.	PRW Woofferton	UK	250	282	Polish	NoEaAM

but Babcock is limited in right NoAM azimuth now via 282 degrees at
Woofferton. Better main lobe angle would be 295 to 320 degrees towards
CAN & USA. 73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I guess the 7330 direct from UK, is to fill the hole around Sackville.
Why have they suddenly become interested in broadcasting to North
America, altho only in Polish? Note the ONLY English left is MW 1296
from UK (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Kai, If the Poles thought they could use 1296 to cover the UK they
are in for an unpleasant surprise. 648 from Orfordness does (did)
provide an (unintended) service to south-east England (including
London). But:

1. The beam on 1296 is much tighter than the one on 648.
2. The power on 648 was 500 kW, but they are registering "only" 300 kW
on 1296.
3. As 1296 is half the wavelength of 648, so the groundwave goes that
much less far. (This is probably the main factor.)
4. 1296 has a co-channel 10-kW station in Birmingham.

Listeners very close to Orfordness will hear Polish Radio, as will
those across the Thames Estuary in Kent. But for the rest of the UK it
won't work. They'd be better off using 1296 for German, Polish,
Russian, Ukrainian and Belarussian, especially if they could have the
full 500 kW. That's the target area the aerial was designed for!

I should add that my comments above were purely from the technical point of view. There are other considerations. If Polskie Radio wishes to transmit from Orfordness to an intended UK audience, they will need an OfCom licence. They don't need such a licence for the proposed use of 1296 as any UK reception of that will be minimal and "accidental".

But why run an English service to Europe, and yet not beam it to the largest English-speaking country in the region?! (Chris Greenway, England, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

My guess is that there will be some coverage of 1296 in the south-east of England, but off the back of the antenna would be 276 deg which would not please listeners to XL Radio from Langley Mill (B) north-east of Birmingham, which also uses 1296 with 10kW. There are two other MW transmissions from Langley Mill on 1151 and 1458, and these are directional. But there must be a second (B) site, and I don't know how directional that antenna is on 1296, but there is a good signal to my location at 'night' that would spoil any signal that came this way from Orfordness, as I'm sure it would in other parts of the UK.

If PRW were really serious in wanting to cover some of the UK on MW they would use the other transmitter at Orfordness on 648 plus the 'standby' omnidirectional antenna that gives reasonable results up here in the NW of England. But at 1800-1900 I would recommend a 3 MHz channel from either SKN or WOF for best results in the UK and utilise 1296 towards the European mainland, where it's intended to be heard (Noel R. Green, ibid.)

Hi Chris, to answer your view from the technical point, - some meditation:

> If the Poles thought they could use 1296 to cover the UK they are in for an unpleasant surprise.

Babcock FMO is the broker for all these PRW activities European- and now even NoAM/AS wide. Babcock quarried out the Poles of contract with French-German firm DTK/MBR Deutsche Telekom/MediaBroadcast two years ago.

> was primarily the operator who successfully convinced them of doing so...

The Poles have nothing to do with a selection of such former cold war propaganda station at Orfordness TX site, close to Ipswich, a former Anglo-American OHR - Over The Horizon Radar system "Cobra Mist" area. After closure of Rampisham site Babcock will be rather very LIMITED in disposable shortwave transmitters amount on prime time of the day.

> But why run an English service to Europe...

PRW - if ever - will reach millions of English speaking listeners far behind of GB&IRL borders in EU states too, mostly in Holland, northern Germany, Poland and Scandinavia.

1296 kHz was never as strong here, in southern Germany. Mostly on top of 1296 kHz channel is COPE Valencia, Castellar service program after decline of BBC European Service.

300 kW of power will reach financial objectives on a mixed cost calculation with the power-lowered 125 kW units in Woofferton.

> they will need an OfCom licence

that's absurd, PRW use the U.K. tx sites at least 3 seasons. I guess Babcock will do the brokery job well, and OfCom will "stand at attention".

I guess a 1296 kHz signal at local 18 hrs nighttime will even reach Ireland, the Orkney and Faroe Isls in the North perfectly. Without question during daytime the 648 kHz offer would be the better solution.

> 1296 has a co-channel 10-kW station for emigrants close to Birmingham area.

Maybe OfCom will replace registration of this low power to another MF channel.

There will be remaining three registrations for 1296 kHz Orfordness site, after the Dutch ceased their morning broadcast probably for winter season.

1296 0500-0600 BBC Orfordness UK 35 96 English UK/WeEUR - DRM test
1296 0600-0700 BBC Orfordness UK 35 96 English UK/WeEUR - DRM test
1296 1800-1900 PRW Orfordness UK 300 96 English UK/WeEUR - AM mode

In A-11 season PRW English service reached the target area between Eastern Hungary up to Faroe Isls perfectly by using two txs crosswise (one in U.K./Norway and the other at Vienna):

ENGLISH 1200-1259 11675Vienna 11980woofferton
 1700-1759 7265Norway 9770Vienna

in B-11 Babcock FMO plan to use Orfordness and - probably - Babcock managed Al Dhabbaya-UAE site from the East. The latter will only reach

Eastern EUR and Balcan states perfectly, UAE signals were on rather low strength in Germany and western Europe, we learnt in past winter seasons. 73 wb

btw. the only remaining PRW German sce will be 'lonely' 9580 kHz at 15 UT from Woofferton with limited 125 kW power. More 'hair cuts' could follow...

Re 1296 kHz mediumwave from Orfordness on daytime ...

Hi Chris, this Oct 10th morning at 0758 UT to 1001 UT I checked the MW band on DAYTIME condition in southern England by access to 3 remote SDR receiver units between Blackpool and Cornwall location area.

1296 kHz HOL program in Dutch powerhouse signal of S=9+40dB at 0758 and 0959 UT - latter program end. At 1000:03 Babcock control room 'CELLO music took over audio feed line, followed by TX switch-OFF, at 1000:24 UT, afterwards at 1001 UT heard the local 10kW Birmingham stn co-channel, but very tiny signal just under threshold (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: Big changes at Polskie Radio foreign service

> But why run an English service to Europe, and yet not beam it to the largest English-speaking country in the region?!

I suspect they just had been offered the 1296 kHz transmitter and believed it would be ideal for serving the very country where it is situated, lacking background knowledge of the antenna system. This would explain why they chose it for English and in the same moment threw it off shortwave altogether.

Babcock for its part could meanwhile have reached the point of frantically searching customers for the Orfordness transmitters. RNW has quit, if it is not just missing from the schedule the German ADDX club received, but even in this case they would quit next year anyway. The DRM pilot project of the BBC is budgeted only for one year each, and it could soon come to an end. If so this Polskie Radio broadcast would soon be all that's left at Orfordness.

Is someone familiar with the English service of Polskie Radio and where it may announce schedule changes? It would be interesting how they sold the change themselves, which they probably did last week. The German service did so, calling the termination of two thirds of its shortwave slots a "little reduction" and pointing out the satellite-only repeats, including one at 1230 that will still be played out but no shortwave transmitter be switched on for it anymore. <http://www2.polskieradio.pl/zagranica/de/news/artykul161941.html>

In fact it is this announcement which I take as confirmation that the schedule posted here, as sent out to ADDX, is the definite one and that we can just forget all the other Woofferton or even Rampisham (which, it seems, will definitely go dark the week after next), Moosbrunn, Al-Dhabbaya, Singapore, Sackville registrations that have been filed for Polskie Radio as well.

Which leads to the next question: This Babcock file does no longer show any Deutsche Welle slots [see GERMANY [non] to continue] (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. Re my complaint that RDPI online schedule was still displaying UT = Lisboa time instead of one hour difference: (gh)

Glenn, As you can see below, I compiled a text for the RDPi director, Mr Jorge GonÁalves, who replied to me today. Unfortunately, the checking on this within the RDPi is in practice of not much help... as the mistake on Local Time & UTC remains unchanged - I've just checked it. And as you well know, Glenn, this is simply too frequent.

You'll notice too, that I not only referred to the local time / UTC issue but also an item that, unfortunately, is not an issue for the time being, viz. the lack of inserting the new (A or B) schedule in time, or even a few days' time earlier, just like R.New Zealand Int'l. does for instance. I'd rather have this persistent mistake, but with HF still running instead of having it idle as it is since early June last.

I take you'll experience none difficulty dealing with the texts in our language,... even if certain portions thereof are, unfortunately, written acc. to the new (and dreadful) orthography which admittedly may puzzle some, particularly foreigners like who know the language. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, Oct 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

De: Carlos Rebelo
Enviada: quinta-feira, 6 de Outubro de 2011 14:01
Para: Jorge Goncalves
Assunto: RE: RDPi... via internet.

Exmj. Sr. Diretor, Em devido tempo, conforme mail que anexo, a multimÉdia da RTP foi informada das alteraÁies a fazer na nossa p.gina na internet. Sobre o pormenor da diferenÁa entre a hora de Portugal e a hora UTC na grelha de programas, foi-nos informado verbalmente que a alteraÁ,,o se produziria automaticamente, o que aconteceu. Inexplicavelmente, nesta data, n,,o se encontra correta. Vamos de imediato e uma vez mais, pedir ‡ multimÉdia a respetiva retificaÁ,,o.

Cumprimentos, Carlos Rebelo, Chefe de Departamento (via Carlos Gonçalves, ibid.)

Exmo. Senhor: Fico-lhe grato pela v/ resposta, pese embora a situação da equivalência H local / HUC se mantenha errada, situação esta que não é - de todo! - única, pelo contrário: tem sucedido demasiadas vezes.

E tão-pouco a outra questão do horário em onda curta era algo raro.

Faço votos p/ que a correção seja feita quanto antes, mesmo se a algumas semanas da mudança p/ a hora dita de Inverno. Atentamente, Carlos Gonçalves (Oct 6 to Jorge Gonçalves, RTP, ibid.)

The time lineup anyway had been fixed as of Oct 7 (gh, DXLD)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. 9665, MOLDOVA, Voice of Russia, Kishinev-Grigoriopol. 2256-2305 October 8, 2011. Big, nearly local signal (shortwave-radio.info lists as 500 kW at 309 degrees) with Old School Commie 1000 cycle tune-up tones on and off, into opening bells, male ID, world news (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. QSL: 15610, Overcomer program via IRRS (broker) via Tiganeshti transmitter. Date/Frequency/Transmitter Relay (IRRS, Italy) Multi-scene QSL Card, with verie letter, schedule in 14 days, for a postal report to Waterboro address. v/s: Brother Stair (Edward Kusalik-Alberta, Canada, Oct 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST) So you are saying he did, or did not specify true Romania site? (gh, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 7325, 1702 16 Sept, Adygey Radio, announced [without the http] <http://www.adigey.ru> --- sign-off 1800, vernacular, SIO 555 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia Bulgaria, HF Logbook, Oct BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Website is unfound. Did they spell it that way in Roman? Try adygey instead and get a site about ``car parts: tips and secrets``! (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) This must be it:

Glenn - What about the following?

<http://www.adygtv.ru/>

<http://www.adygtv.ru/radio.html>

(Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 9850, 7/10 0820, Voice of Russia, DRM, 2 programs at the same time: "DRM RUVR 1A" & "DRM RUVR 1B" changing button, the first in English, the latter in Russian. Some audio stops (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan, Italy, RX: G33DDC Excalibur Pro - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg

via DX LISTENING DIGEST) You mean you could select one or the other, or they mixed? (gh)

** RUSSIA. 9995, RWM Moscow; 2147-2201+, 6-Oct; Tuned in to 1 second pips with occasional double pip; 2150 went into continuous rapid pippage; 2200-2208 went into continuous tone; 2208-2209 nothing; 2209-2210 RWM code (last dash in W & M shorter than preceding dash); 2210 back to 1 second pips. Clear & not on 9996 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9996, Oct 11 at 0524, binary bits in RWM Moscow time service. Not now on 9995, as reported by Harold Frodge, MI, Oct 6 at 2150 during ``rapid pippage``. Can also be heard beating against 10000 WWV/H, altho signal centered on 9996 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 15812, Oct 11 at 1324 I am looking for WWCR 15810v spur, but instead I hear hand-keyed CW here, rather slow but not slow enough for me! I do copy DE RIT at one point, and some strange characters which must be Cyrillic. Stopped at 1327 after A R, not runtogether AR. This time consulting the UDXF yg archive pays off with this ID: 15812.0 RIT Russian Navy HQ Severomorsk, per a log from Wolfgang in Munich this August. It's near Murmansk (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 24080, Oct 8 at 1454, open carrier, so suspect 2 x 12040 harmonic as first reported 25 Sept by Juerger Lohuis, Germany, heralding the return of SWBC harmonics 23+ MHz! Unfortunately it is fading down; at 1458 I can barely hear the typical Russian tone go on and off, 1500 modulation starts but JBA.

At 1458 also checked fundamental 12040, but it's still infested by Cuba and the Chinese radio war. HFCC shows 12040 at 15-22, 250 kW, 260 degrees from Moscow site with VOR; Aoki shows 12040 starting at 16, same parameters for VOR in English, and BTW, both agree that VOA Tinang in Chinese was supposed to finish an hour earlier at 1500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [non]. VOICE OF RUSSIA FROM THE WORLD RADIO NETWORK BRINGS NEWS AND VIEWS TO LONDON --- Monday, 10 October 2011

London, UK ñ 10 October 2011 ñ WRN Broadcast (WRNB) has worked with Voice of Russia, the oldest Russian broadcasting company, to launch Voice of Russia from the World Radio Network, a new DAB (Digital Audio Broadcasting) radio service providing a wide range of programmes about Russia and Russia's viewpoint on world events to listeners in London, ranging from the most important political events on the global agenda

to arts, culture, science and sports. The new service, broadcast in English, is available on DAB throughout London. . .

http://www.responsesource.com/releases/rel_display.php?relid=67619
(via kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

Re: DAB London II Voice of Russia

Press release just issued about the new service, they are setting up studios and production facilities in London to increase the London based content on the channel and will also have some segments from other world broadcasters:

http://www.responsesource.com/releases/rel_display.php?relid=67619

The Spectrum Radio DAB channel, which used to carry Voice of Russia for much of the day, has now replaced all of the Voice of Russia programmes with the Russian Music Show (via Mike Barraclough, Oct 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Russia has appeared today on its own London 2 DAB channel at 48kpbs mono. At the moment it's also still being carried on Spectrum's London 2 DAB channel (Mike Barraclough, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

I have noticed that in London, the rearrangement of Spectrum scheduling on DAB gives Voice of Russia airtime of 0600 to 1800 UK time and not the 24 hour coverage initially promised so long ago. Spectrum is carrying other stations during the other 12 hours. 73's (Dan Goldfarb, Brentwood, England, ibid.)

Schedule on Spectrum's website also shows Voice of Russia 2300-0400 UK time, so 17 hours per day in total on Spectrum.

<http://www.spectrumradio.net/schedules>

(Voice of Russia website also says 6am-6pm and 11pm-4am) (BDXC UK yg moderator, ibid.)

** SAN MARINO. 24940-USB, Oct 8 at 1450, T77C with quick contest contacts, kept asking for ``Number One`` -- meaning US call area 1 = New England? Anyhow, several of his contacts were from there. 12 and 10m were full of signals, and I luckily picked this one to log from a rare country. QRZ.com shows:

T77C

TONY CECCOLI

VIA A. BELLUZZI 7/B CAILUNGO

47893 BORGO MAGGIORE -REP. SAN MARINO

How many active HF hams are there in SM, anyway? He also warns to look out for a pirate using his call; anyhow, the accent sounded authentic, and no one was questioning him (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK [non]. 17560, 5/10 *1000, Radio Free Sarawak, vernacular, start broadcast, ID "Radio Sarawak!" repeated, fair (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan, Italy, RX: G33DDC Excalibur Pro - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sabato 8 ottobre 2011, 1010 - 17560 kHz, pres. RADIO FREE SARAWAK - Yangi Yul (Tajikistan), Interviste OMs e musica locale. Segnale sufficiente-insufficiente. Mi sembra che dopo le 10.00 per alcuni minuti non c'è stata modulazione (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

17560, TAJIKISTAN, Radio Free Sarawak, Dushanbe. 1152-1200* October 8, 2011. Malay or a similar-sounding language man, clear mention of Sarawak, into two soft vocals in presumed Malay, the last abruptly cut with transmitter shutoff at exactly 1200. Surely them. Very good and in the clear, however only a weak carrier at 1040 and 1100 check, assuming it was this one them. Not as strong, fair, at 1128 check the next day, October 9, mostly male and female talk, three mentions of Sarawak at 1157, light jazz instrumental fill from 1158 to abrupt 1200* again (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17560, Radio Free Sarawak, ueber Yangi Yul-TJK tx Zentrum. Etwas raue Audio, nicht sehr stark, S=6, aber sehr schoen in BahasaMalay zu erkennen, viele ID's, jetzt sitzen zwei Interviewpartner in einem hohen hallenden Raum, - mit sehr schlechter Aufnahmetechnik (Wolfgang Buschel, Oct 4, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Oct 8 via DXLD) Ooops, no time but it's between 10-12 UT (gh)

** SARAWAK [non]. AIRING WOES IN DEFIANCE OF SIWAK AUTHORITIES | Free Malaysia Today
<http://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/2011/10/10/airing-woes-in-defiance-of-swak-authorities/>

Lone wolf broadcaster 'Radio Free Sarawak' is offering native listeners a chance to air their grievances.

COMMENT

The team from Radio Free Sarawak have had their first week back on air after their break from broadcasting and the general feedback is that although it has been exhausting the comeback was also fun.

RFS is a small outfit, broadcasting out of the United Kingdom in defiance of Sarawak's licencing authorities. The station aims to pack a big punch.

The experienced journalists behind the show are managing a double

workload, but loving the freedom of being able to chase real stories on merit, instead of churning out boring propaganda.

The existing state-approved Sarawak media only allows programmes which fawn over the elderly Chief Minister Taib Mahmud and his cronies and deny their opponents a fair platform.

So, RFS makes sure that the station covers all the issues that the Taib stations have been busy suppressing all these years and speaks frequently to the other political parties.

Land grabs, corruption and the many forms of oppression in Sarawak form a large part of the story. These issues never get a hearing elsewhere and they are the daily concern of the poor people of the interior.

Grievances from people

But with RFS, it's different. The most important part of the station's remit is its commitment to airing the voices of the people themselves.

There are, of course, the interviews and debates with politicians and experts, but each day the show takes care to try and reach out to locals facing the issues on the ground.

It is important that these people feel empowered to speak out and become part of the national debate. And it is important too for listeners to realise that people like them also have a voice that ought to be listened to.

This first week the show aired some of the villagers who are being pushed out of their homes by the Bengoh Dam and palmed off with compensation packages that turn out to be far less attractive than they were made to sound.

It is a story repeated all over the state.

Greedy Taib family

Another group of villagers who are being evicted from their lands to make way for a plantation which Taib has handed to his sister Raziah Mahmud were also given the chance to publicize their plight.

Greedy Raziah has acquired native land areas greater than the size of Singapore over the past few years. One huge plantation has even been given out by Taib in the name of her (Raziah's) socialite daughter, a girl in her early 20s.

In the week of yet another federal budget that took huge sums from Sarawak and handed little back, local people were also featured talking about their frustration over the failure to produce decent roads and development projects promised by their local elected representatives.

One such BN assemblyman had taken RM500,000 of public money to build a bridge (there is much mixing of contracting and politics in Sarawak), yet some eight years on not a stone has been turned.

No accountability

There is a shocking dearth of public accountability in Sarawak, of course. But at least such people can now get named and shamed on Radio Free Sarawak!

Also, the outrageous dilapidation of the state's medical service and the failure to produce enough decent public hospitals; the pernicious use of the Emergency Ordinance to arrest and banish trouble-makers (i.e. people who have been protesting about the seizure of their lands by Taib's cronies) and the persistent failure to provide identity cards (MyKads) and voting rights to the people of the interior are all subjects that RFS has visited over the week and will continue to visit over coming months.

Of course a two hour daily show that tries to give a voice to the dispossessed can hardly redress the balance in a state where so much money and so many resources have been sucked into the pockets of a handful of people.

But, it is better than nothing and good fun, as I said before.

[Radio Free Sarawak can be heard daily from 6 to 8 pm on 17560 kHz (shortwave) and also via podcast available online on <http://www.radiofreesarawak.org> from about the same time.]

Clare Rewcastle Brown is the editor/founder of Sarawak Report. She is also a FMT columnist (via Kevin Redding, Oct 10, ABDX via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 11820 // 11915, Oct 10 at 2024, poor signals with Qur'an, i.e. HQS from BSKSA Riyadh, 500 kW at 320, 295 degrees respectively per HFCC, both at 1800-2300. Aoki shows more likely spans as 1755-2255 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SIKKIM. [Re DXLD 11-38:] 4835, AIR Gangtok, 1407-1432, Sep 18, during my several checking after the earthquake, I found AIR Gangtok along with AIR Kurseong on 4895 were off the air. But later around 1525 when I checked again, I found AIR Gangtok airing National News

relay from AIR Delhi with good signal and after that I heard News in English. But again further checking around 1600, I did not find any signal. I could not check AIR Gangtok on 4835 on Sep 19 morning, as I overslept due to heavy rains plus no electric power supply till noon, as around 0200 AM Indian Standard Time a tree fell on the electric power supply cable and resulted a fault. Later in the night, I found AIR Gangtok on 4835 as usual. And also on Sep 20 morning I heard AIR Gangtok on 4835 usually signing on around 0100 (Gautam Kumar Sharma, Abhayapuri, Assam, India, DSWCI DX Window Oct 5 via DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA. RSI correspondent gets global airplay. Anka Dragu, the correspondent mentioned below from Radio Slovakia International, has been heard on the English service of Polish Radio as well as the public radio program "Marketplace" talking about Slovakia's role in the European debt crisis. Interesting that on "Marketplace" her organization was referred to as "Slovak Public Radio" and not "Radio Slovakia International".

Google Alert: Slovakia blocks rescue fund --- thenews.pl
Anka Dragu, journalist of the English section of Radio Slovakia International talks about the situation on Slovakia's political scene. (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, Oct 12, swprograms via DXLD)
See also INDONESIA; TINY TRAP

** SOUTH AFRICA. Channel Africa. 3345 Meyerton. Oct 3, 2011, Monday. 0325-0331. The ANC's mouthpiece with news about Zambia and the re-naming of an airport there after Kenneth Kaunda, then on to human rights in Syria (or rather the lack of them, which the ANC openly supports as it does with Burma and did with Libya), followed by an item about the trans-Atlantic slave trade, which was abolished over 200 years ago. Fair. Local transmission to Southern Africa. Jo'burg sunrise 0346 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. QSLs: 9960, Bar-Kulan (Meeting Place) Radio via Meyerton transmitter. Full data (with site and station name) verification letter, 51 days after 2nd follow-up, for a total of 8 months. V/S: Sikander Hoosen, HF Coverage Planning Operations & Maintenance, SENTECH.

11740, IBRA Radio, Somali broadcast to East Africa via Meyerton transmitter. Full data (with site and station name) verification letter, in 51 days, after 2nd follow-up, for a total of 11 months. V/S: Sikander Hoosen, HF Coverage Planning Operations & Maintenance, SENTECH (Edward Kusalik-Alberta, Canada, Oct 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 11875, Oct 12 at 0513, dead air or maybe just barely modulated, when SENTECH is supposed to be broadcasting DW in English at 0500-0530. Stronger than adjacent 11870 WEWN (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

Channel Africa ganz sch^n daneben, odd 9674.966

9675 1700-1800 46,47,52 MEY 500 335 0 146 Mon-Fri Eng AFS CAF SNT

S<DAFRIKA, auf 9674.966 kHz zugange, Englische politische Nachrichten um 1700-1720 UT. Um 1721 UT feature on sexual partnership. ID "listen to Channel Africa" at 1722 UT.

Ich dachte erst, es w%re der Brasilianer mit En NX, wegen der krummen Frequenz, aber es ist eindeutig S,dafrika. S=6-7. Und drei mal ist der Sender zusammen gebrochen, aber nach einer halben Minute wieder on air.

and from same TX location DWL French 17-18 from MEY on 9735.029 kHz S=5-6 poor signal. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 5890, Oct 8 at 0552, WWCR is extremely strong this time with Brother Scare, but I can still hear pulse jamming in the background. That`s what they get for using the same frequency as VOA Spanish earlier, vs the incompetent DentroCuban Jamming Command (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. 9780, 7/10 0828, REE, Spain, DRM, no label! Spanish, talks about el Prado museum, science; Some voice stops (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan, Italy, RX: G33DDC Excalibur Pro - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17850, Sunday Oct 9 at 2055-2055, REE`s `Mundofonias` featured fados, especially appreciated since even when Portugal had SW it turned off the transmitters during their fado show. Via COSTA RICA.

BTW, tnx to my complaint and Carlos GonÁalves` forwarding, RDPI has finally corrected the program schedule time conversion on website with less than a month left of DST (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 7189.75, 6/10 0110, SLBC, slow Asian songs, weak but clear modulation (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan, Italy, RX: G33DDC Excalibur Pro - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7189.745, SLBC Colombo Ekala in Hindi noted at 0104 UT Oct 12. Subcontinent songs heard, poor S=6-7 strength tonight. Slightly UNDERMODULATED. 73 and Good Night wb (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Wolfgang, Grussen von Tasmanien! Sri Lanka also heard on this channel at 1200 last evening and also appears to be undermodulated. However I

think it is in Tamil. The carrier usually is heard but no modulation but propagation has dramatically improved of late (Robin VK7RH Harwood, Norwood, Tasmania, Icom R70 to indoor antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. 7330, 9/10 0315, Afia Darfur Radio, via S,,o TomÈ, in Arabic, news, id, music. Good (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, RX: Excalibur Pro, ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. via Sines, PORTUGAL. 17745, Sudan Radio Service, *1500-1620, local music. Indigenous vocals. Occasional Arabic announcement but mostly continuous local African music. No English heard. Fair to good. Oct 9 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. Radio Nord, 9940 kHz, QSL in 3 months for report to Vita Huset, SE-17995 Svartsj^, Sweden. v/s Ronny Forslund. Sent 1 \$ (Artur Fernandez Llorella, Catalonia, Spain, You can see some images in my blog: <http://maresmedx.blogspot.com/> Oct 7, HCDX via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. 7970, Oct 7 at 1253, poor signal in talk, presumed Sound of Hope, in total absence of Firedrake during this semihour; see CHINA. Should have listened at 1223, when Ron Howard says SOH reliably IDs spelling out its website. Maybe playing the same recording every day? That would match Firedrake jamming playing the same music every, every hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. VenerdÌ 7 ottobre 2011. 1452 - 14650 kHz. prob. SOUND OF HOPE TAIWAN, Cinese, reportage YL, Segnale sufficiente-buono, Jamming not heard.

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1455 - 10300 kHz, FIREDRAKE vs. SOH TAIWAN, Segnale sufficiente-buono, Tk OM in background not in // to 14650. Does SOH have two separate channels? (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, bclnews.it yg via DXLD) 14650 could be 2 x 7325 CRI but Japanese

** TAJIKISTAN. ?? Voice of Tajik ?? 7245 y-Yangi Yul (Dushanbe) ?? Oct 3, 2011, Monday. 0238-0247. Tajik ?? Central-Asian type music. No ID heard, but the type of music fits the location, and it is the only time fit for EiBi. Poor. To Asia. Jo'burg sunrise 0346 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. 17820, 5/10 *1000, Radio Thailand, starting broadcast, ID in English, bells, then program in Thai. Good (Giampiero Bernardini, Milan, Italy, RX: G33DDC Excalibur Pro - ANT: T2FD, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET. 6200, Xizang PBS via Lhasa, 1530-1600, Oct 7. The iHoly Tibetî show in English; iThis is China Tibet Broadcastingî, iThis is Holy Tibetî; special show about the National Day Golden Week Holiday; transportation figures on how many people will be traveling during Golden Week; played many traditional Tibetan songs. In another 2-4 weeks this will again return to an enjoyable level for listening to one of my favorite shows (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [and non]. 15443, Chinese talk, poor at 1325, vs het on 15445. I suspect the latter is Firedrake or CNR1 jamming with the split frequency being V. of Tibet. Closest in today's Aoki is 15442 (maybe that was it, did not measure), VOT in Chinese via TAJIKISTAN but at 1300-1312. 15443 cut off in mid-word at 1327:30* while 15445 carrier continued (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. Got a nice bright white cap with bill in the mail from TRT; in the left front quadrant (from the wearer's POV), TRT logo in red diamond with blue border on left, green border on right (as seen from an outside POV). Adjustable strap on back says www.trt-world.com.

No other enclosure, but must have been my prize for answering a Question of the Month correctly and being drawn. Envelope bore no postage but penned 5.85 as the amount which should have been paid. Partially illegible rubber stamp/postmark for 26.09 or 28.09. Perhaps as a government agency, TRT does not have to bother with postage stamps. I am wearing it as I type this; not a summer item as I don't want to sweat-stain it. Thank you very much!

15450, Oct 11 at 1322, VOT closing English with headline, unengaged brain still! announcing wrong time and frequency, 1330-1430 on 15520, 15450, only one play of IS and off at 1322:50*. But if you've heard one, you've heard them all as there are no more variations on the tune (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. 7325, Oct 8 at 0540 Arabish interview between M on the phone and W in the studio; stronger than Russia 7320. 0559 BBC sounder and ``BBC Arabiya`` ID, off just before 0600. Is 250 kW, 168 degrees from Rampisham at 04-06 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. 15370, Oct 8 at 1510, no signal from BBC via CYPRUS as scheduled Saturdays only at 13-16 in Somali (or English, or French). Did not look for it earlier; in case it has just been curtailed, closing earlier rather than deleted (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. BBC cuts - the full details, including MW, LW
The full details of the cuts announced this morning are at:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbctrust/assets/files/pdf/review_report_research/dqf/dqf.pdf
(a 57-page pdf document).

Two particular point of interest for readers of this list:

1. Medium Wave transmissions for BBC services in England to end where there is already FM coverage. BUT - MW will continue for Radio 5 Live, Asian Network, and Radios Jersey, Guernsey, Gloucester, Derby, Scotland, Wales and Ulster/Foyle. (So, it is to be assumed that all MW services NOT in that list will close.)

2. Transition away from Long Wave to begin. There will be no further investment in LW once the current transmitters come to the end of their lives. They won't be turned off yet, but if they fail they won't be replaced. There will be a contingency plan to allow for LW-only services (e.g. cricket) to be carried on other BBC analogue stations if the LW transmitters fail before the planned switch-off. (In practical terms, it seems that LW will remain until at least the end of the current Royal Charter in 2016.) (Chris Greenway, UK, Oct 6, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Last time they tried to mess with LW, i.e. replace R4 with rolling news, there was a sufficient outcry to stop it. Guess the same could happen again. What about the shipping forecast? Regards, (Gareth, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

There seems a lack of logic here; what of areas where FM is severely affected and therefore often UHF TV (Free view radio) and who decides when 'current [LW] transmitters come to the end of their lives' - has the BBC understood the fact that 1,000s of radios are (still) in use which only cover MW/LW and what of national emergencies where nation-wide coverage is essential and can only be guaranteed from the 3 existing LW R4 transmitters. We in UK are not free of public disturbance; have the well shod salaried brass hats at Auntie lost the script? (Rog Parsons (BDXC 782) Hinckley, Leics., Lowe HF 225 Long Wire 17metres S to N, ibid.)

Hello, The BBC has announced cuts in radio and TV budgets both locally and nationally. With the exception of Radio 4 and BBC1 the cuts will be 19% for the nationals and 20% for local radio. Locally, here on Merseyside, BBC Radio Merseyside's managing editor Mick Ord announced that the station will probably lose its mediumwave frequency as a result of the cuts. Details here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-15186116>

Regards (James Welsh (Birkenhead Merseyside), ibid.) (also via Terry Krueger, DXLD)

It's well worth reading the full BBC consultation document. In

particular section 4 has significant implications for MW.
[http://consultations.external.bbc.co.uk/bbc/dqf/consultation/
subpage.2011-09-18.8948401403/](http://consultations.external.bbc.co.uk/bbc/dqf/consultation/subpage.2011-09-18.8948401403/)

e.g.:

* Medium Wave transmission for BBC services would end in areas of England where coverage duplicates FM. Subject to further technical analysis, across the UK the stations which BBC management would expect to continue to transmit in Medium Wave include Radio 5 Live, BBC Asian Network, BBC Radio Jersey, BBC Radio Guernsey, BBC Gloucester, BBC Derby, Radio Scotland, Radio Wales and Radio Ulster/Foyle. 73 (Steve Whitt, MWC yg via DXLD)

** U K. RADIO 4'S LONGWAVE GOODBYE
Article just published on The Guardian website:

A handful of specially crafted glass valves each measuring one metre high are all that is stopping the historic home of Test Match Special, Yesterday in Parliament and the Daily Service going suddenly and permanently off air.

BBC Radio 4 long wave, which transmits on the 198 kilohertz frequency, relies on ageing transmitter equipment that uses a pair of the valves ñ no longer manufactured ñ to function.

The valves, at Droitwich in Worcestershire, are so rare that engineers say there are fewer than 10 in the world, and the BBC has been forced to buy up the entire global supply. Each lasts anywhere between one and 10 years, and when one of the last two blows the service will go quiet.

Full article:
[http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2011/oct/09/bbc-radio4-long-wave-goodbye?](http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2011/oct/09/bbc-radio4-long-wave-goodbye?INTCMP=SRCH)
INTCMP=SRCH
(Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via DXLD; also via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD) Plus 140+ comments including:

151151, 9 October 2011 10:01PM

This is just a smoke screen for removing the LW service. If the BBC wants to terminate it for whatever reason, then why don't they just say so, rather than blaming "obsolete technology". As Arthur999CEng points out there are modern devices that can do this and its simply beyond belief that there is no manufacturing facility in the world that could produce these valves. This is a very poor article from the Guardian.

Compaid 9, October 2011 10:08PM

The 198 KHz signal is widely used in Europe for listening to BBC news etc whilst in a car. When driving through Europe its the only signal that just about reaches the Spanish border. Loosing this service will be a great loss to people in the EU who are mobile and have no other options for receiving UK radio. Its not always about money BBC its about service. The use of valves is of course a red herring, there are many ways to create powerful transmitters other than these historic valves especially at such a low frequency. Perhaps sharing an EU wide repeater network would work using Internet provided radio, but off course thats beyond the mindset of the morons currently in charge at the BBC (via DXLD)

Re: Radio 4's longwave goodbye. See also
<http://www.radiowavesforum.com/rw/showthread.php?t=23731&page=2>

The transmission equipment is there and elsewhere as well described as two Marconi B 6042 transmitters, inaugurated in 1985. Interestingly I have not found a single photo of these presumably unimpressing boxes so far, only the old gear is everywhere featured in great detail.

I proceed from the assumption that this transmitter shares similarities with the B 61** series of shortwave equipment Marconi made at the same time, in particular the PA tubes. If so the Droitwich sets need, like these shortwave transmitters, a TH 537 or perhaps its larger sister, the TH 558, to refer to the Thomson designators. This is basically standard equipment, used in transmitters of various manufacturers.

The other way round: If the statement is true and certain parts for the B 6042's are hardly to obtain anymore this could as well apply to the mentioned Marconi shortwave equipment, with obvious consequences. Thus it may indeed be worth to further research the matter, something for which I'm here in Germany of course not in the right position.

Beyond that the Guardian article claims that the BBC would put the longwave specials on FM once 198 kHz goes dark. I went through the presentation of their "Delivering Quality First" campaign, and therein they refer to "analogue frequencies". That could as well be mediumwave, and the quoted explanations meanwhile given on Radio 4 indeed point out that they have 693/909 kHz in mind.

Another detail I saw nowhere considered so far: The transmitters (it's not only Droitwich but also Burghead and Westerglen in Scotland) are not owned and operated by the BBC anymore but by a company called Arqiva, and this apparently concerns also studio equipment, at least outdoor broadcasting vehicles and their uplinks, as I saw in summer at Dresden where no outsider was able to identify the apparent BBC broadcast as such at all, because only the Arqiva brand prominently

showed up.

Probably Arqiva is still rather closely associated with the BBC (and the outsourcing primarily made them paying sales tax for using its "own" studios, as it is the case after such a clever move at Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk), but generally it is their responsibility to invest in new equipment or not. For that they would require a binding transmission contract for a certain amount of years. And it should be this what the BBC is no longer willing to agree.

Now one would need to know who has talked to the Guardian author, but I have an impression that this sweet article is basically an attempt by the BBC to prepare the public for the final closure of 198 kHz, maintaining the possibility to close it down in spite of the official statement that this is not planned until 2017 (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Oct 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

See in particular the 4th comment from Russell Barnes, Senior Transmitter Engineer Skelton under a picture of the previous transmitter valves:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/russell_w_b/152501639/

Picture of the current transmitter valves posted by BBC Technology Correspondent Rory Cellan Jones on Twitter a couple of days ago:
<http://yfrog.com/z/khlkgehj>

Some discussion from transmitter engineers in this thread, including at post 16 someone who worked or works at Droitwich:

<http://www.vintage-radio.net/forum/showthread.php?t=74940>

and some general discussion on longwave transmitters:

<http://www.vintage-radio.net/forum/showthread.php?t=75108>
(Mike Barraclough, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO 4'S 198LW IN DANGER ñ A NATION MUST MOURN | Radio Times

<http://www.radiotimes.com/news/2011-10-10/radio-4's-198lw-in-danger--a-nation-must-mourn>

Longwave's days are numbered and one radio fan sees the end of the world coming

Nobody remembers frequencies any more. Radio stations are listed by names on DAB or by URLs online. They're a tap of your finger away if you're listening over an iPhone app. And if you choose to burn up electricity by listening to radio on your TV set, then stations are arranged by spurious, unfeeling channel numbers.

But back in the old days, frequencies mattered. Frequencies were your

home. Now it's like when your parents start talking about selling the family house and downsizing: we're going to lose BBC Radio 4 on 198 longwave. Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow. But sometime - and the BBC isn't quite sure when, because it depends when the equipment next breaks down. There's something so very British about that.

The BBC say: "Radio 4 longwave transmissions will continue for many years to come - and beyond the current Charter period".

But longwave Radio 4 hangs on in there using glass valve-based technology of the kind that must've been patented by Heath Robinson or Professor Branestawm. Nobody makes these things any more but the BBC has been round all the supermarkets buying up what it can - but those supplies can't last forever.

Yes, of course there's FM and that's a gorgeous thing, right up there with bread that comes in slices and wheels that go round and round. Midlanders, for instance, know that BBC Radio 4 just does not sound the same if you aren't listening to it on 92.7 FM. Londoners have their fancy 93.5 FM and Glasgow has taken a liking to 95.8 FM, but it takes all sorts and that's fine.

We could still bond together over 198 longwave. All of us. Everywhere.

Everywhere. Forget your online rubbish, I've sat in the centre of Paris listening to BBC Radio 4 longwave, amazed that the signal could reach that far and distraught only because I wanted Woman's Hour and it was the cricket instead.

Then, you know this is true: one day you'll be out there on the seas in the gales - "becoming fine later..." - of Viking, North Utsire, or Cromarty, and how will you cope without 198 longwave's shipping forecast?

FM is great but short range: you need to be near a transmitter. DAB can be great but you're nowhere near anyone who's bought one.

Ask a DAB manufacturer when FM switchover is and they'll probably say Tuesday. In truth, nobody really knows, but it's unlikely to be before 2015 and not very likely to be before 2020.

It's coming, though, and it will be the end of days. Frequencies are going and they won't come back.

First it was the BBC World Service losing frequencies around the world. Next it's our very own Radio 4 longwave. One day it will be all of them and it will be too late to mourn (via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

Couldn't have said it better in this article.

I think that there's too much emphasis on streaming to phones and computers and using localized (FM) digital radio or satellite anymore. They have their place; but (except for iBOC or DAB), they will always cost the listener something per-month to be able to listen. Long-range radio services (LW/MW/SW) ought to be emphasized services because of ease of access wherever you are, especially in an emergency. But these services are being stifled by the point-and-click-only generation who do not mind "artifactory" sounding choppy streams and paying monthly data access fees and subscriptions for them. I'm not saying these services are bad - I use them too - but they shouldn't become replacements for traditional LW, MW, and SW radio services.

I don't understand why BBC-4 can't obtain a modern transmitter by Nautel and the like that uses high-powered mosFETs for the finals - would be a lot cheaper than hunting down rare tubes. Ganging a couple hundred modules in-phase can give superior output with very high power input efficiency in the order of hundreds of kilowatts. Most AM broadcast transmitters are made this way nowadays, and many are also used on the high-powered in-route multi-kilowatt NDB's. The mosFETs don't blow out easily.

Recently in the last 15 years, Iceland went the opposite route, and shut down all their government-run FM outlets, replacing them with a single 189 kHz signal covering the entire country.

Radio makes far more sense, especially in areas not necessarily connected to the Internet or where there is no 3G. Poor and rich alike can tune in. If you have bad credit (I'm not one of those), and you can't get a cellphone contract, than that cuts out a big chunk of the public that can listen via Smartphone. Likewise for Internet. Anyone with a radio can tune in, though, and radio stations need to understand that those other mediums should serve as a SUPPLEMENT to the main radio broadcast (and should BTW be permitted by law to broadcast EXACTLY what is going out over the air, not some modified set of commercials or program lineup for a different 'online' target audience - listen to a stream of any Canadian radio station and hear what a radio station's Internet stream SHOULD sound like).

I've said it before, and will reiterate it - one day, if total reliance on net-streams and satellite radio replace that of traditional LW, AM, SW, or even FM, and a huge solar flare or cloud of micrometeorites knock out satellites, the oversight will suddenly become abundantly clear (Darwin Long, Empire, LA, ABDX via DXLD)

Very good points Darwin. Nautel doesn't have a line of LW

transmitters, but they started in the beacon business 40 plus years ago and I'll bet they would work with the BBC to find a solid state solution and come up with a limited LW line. I suspect that a lot of the LW transmitters worldwide are old and power hungry. I'd also venture a guess that with a modern, high modulation capability solid state transmitter, half the power would out-perform the ancient tube transmitter. Of course, since Nautel makes MW transmitters up to 2 Megawatts, I suspect the BBC could get the full power if they wanted to.

Another factor to keep in mind is that the smart phones and other such hand held wonder devices use tiny batteries that drain fast, have to be recharged, and their charge holding performance sags over time. Leave them in a hot car for a while and this accelerates the process. How do you reach your listener while their iphone is charging? Personally, I know of lots of folks with smartphones - texting, sending emails, surfing the web but I don't know of anyone listening to the radio on them. Just turn on a radio, rather than drain your smartphones battery charge.

For low cost, near-universal access to large swaths of territory, SW, LW and MW make a lot of sense. They shine in rural areas and small towns and falter in built up areas with rebar filled concrete, steel, and tonnes of RFI. FM shines for urban and suburban areas, although lately I've noticed more marginal FM stations taking a pounding from WiFi and LED traffic lights. Internet based broadcasting is very important, shouldn't be neglected, but shouldn't be viewed as the only medium - rather, it is a very important supplemental medium.

My 'rant' for the day :) (Phil Rafuse, Stratford PE Canada, ibid.)

Long Wave cheaper, more efficient - Danmarks Radio
from The*Watlingfen*

A spokesman for Danmarks Radio, (now back on 243 kHz LW) interviewed in an item on the BBC Radio 4 'PM' yesterday (11th) on the continued use of valves to transmit R4 198 kHz (500 kW) from Droitwich, said he admired the ability of the BBC to maintain using valves, the DR station at Kalundborg, which formerly broadcast on Medium Wave but moved to Long Wave for better coverage and range, uses a new Nautel 50 kW 'transistorized' transmitter.

When asked why Denmark with a number of transmitters of their service using DAB and FM was reverting to AM (they had been testing DRM on this 243 kHz frequency) the spokesman said 'long wave was more efficient and reliable than FM and DAB which had blank areas' he added their new transistorized long wave transmitter was also cheaper to run. DAB uses low power to run its senders but needs so many to cover

even a small area.

Since the 200 kW Erzurum (Turkey) transmitter on 243 kHz ended transmissions in 2008, DR was the only European country using this frequency so the former 300 kW transmitter has been replaced by much more cost effective / transmission efficient equipment.

A BBC spokesman said they had 'ample' stocks of the transmitter valves for the foreseeable future. Personally I recall hearing DR on 1062 (283 meters MW) years ago but for the 243 kHz freq my location is probably too far west and too much 'splash' from RTE1. May Aunties 'bottles' glow forever! (Rog Parsons (BDXC 782) Hinckley, Leics. Oct 12, (Lowe HF 225 17 metre LW (cooker earth wire) going S to N at 22ft height with balun to 19 metres RG 58/U), BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

JOBS THREAT IN 'SMALLER' BBC PLAN

* Press Association, Thursday October 6 2011

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/feedarticle/9882295/print>

A plan for a "smaller" BBC will see the corporation lose thousands of jobs, sell off offices and show [sic] more repeats. The proposals include "a small reduction" in new programmes on BBC One, which will be replaced by repeats, fewer chat shows and panel shows on BBC Two, and digital channels BBC Three and Four will become feeder channels for BBC One and Two respectively.

Around 2,000 jobs are expected to go by 2016 and around 1,000 more staff will move to the new BBC base at Media City in Salford.

There will be "a phased but full exit for the BBC's public services from their current home in West London" including its White City offices. The plan is expected to lead to savings of -£670 million a year by 2016/17.

Director General Mark Thompson said: "It's a plan for a smaller BBC, but a BBC which uses its resources more effectively."

The BBC HD channel will be closed and replaced with an HD version of BBC Two and all new daytime shows will be moved to BBC One with more repeats on Two.

There will also be less original programming on radio, with cuts to comedy on Radio 2 and Radio 5 Live and fewer lunchtime concerts on Radio 3.

The report states that BBC bosses considered "the possibility of shutting one or more services entirely" but rejected the idea on value-for-money grounds: "The decision to share Formula One motor-

replacing rights with BSkyB, for example, will save the BBC more cash between now and the end of the Charter than we would have saved by shutting one of the smaller TV channels."

The corporation is holding a series of meetings with its staff across the UK to reveal details of its Delivering Quality First initiative, but has already come under attack from unions.

Gerry Morrissey, general secretary of the technicians' union Bectu, said the programme should have been called Destroying Quality First. Mr Morrissey accused Mr Thompson of doing the Government's "dirty work" by making such big cuts in spending and jobs, accusing the corporation of "salami slicing".

The National Union of Journalists condemned the spending and job cuts, saying they had come on top of many years of other cutbacks across news and programme-making. The union said more than 7,000 jobs had been lost at the BBC since 2004, adding that the situation "isn't sustainable". Copyright (c) Press Association Ltd. 2011, All Rights Reserved (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

1 Comment on iBBC confirms plan to cut 2,000 jobs

#1 Robert (from Kent) on Oct 8th, 2011 at 19:46

This story merits a lot of thought. In the modern era, what exactly is the role of a publically (i.e. taxpayers) - funded broadcaster, when there are many commercial broadcasters fulfilling demand for all the popular formats (classic rock, pop, etc) and the new technology of web radio etc coming along. Consider the example of Concertzender in NL, there was a furore when its public funding was cut (and I supported the protest at the time), but nowadays it seems to go from strength to strength with its new funding arrangements and many many listeners. I have long wondered why exactly it is that here in the UK the BBC spends money on 1Xtra with its relentless focus on black music which is probably the most over-represented music format on the airwaves today. I think it should be closed down. Then I thought about it a bit more, and began to wonder what is the point of the BBC spending large sums on Radio 1 itself. What is the point of that station in 2011? It certainly fulfilled a purpose when it was launched in 1967, it might have had a purpose during the 1990s, but these days it does nothing more than duplicate what is available through myriad other sources on air and online. Why do we spend tax pounds on it? I now think that this too should be closed down and the money saved reinvested in public service broadcasting - whatever that means in 2011. As a mere listener, I would genuinely like to know what the media professionals on this site think about this (MN blog comment via DXLD)

HOW THE BBC BUDGET CUT WILL AFFECT WORLD NEWSGATHERING AND BBC WORLD

SERVICE. Posted: 10 Oct 2011

Most of the announced changes as a result of the BBC budget cut concern domestic operations. (See previous post.) In this e-mail, BBC World News Editor Jon Williams provides details about the impact of the cuts on BBC world newsgathering and BBC World Service.

Below is an e-mail from BBC World News Editor Jon Williams to staff, dated 6 October 2011, with details of the changes to BBC world newsgathering and BBC World Service due to the BBC budget cuts:

By now, I hope you'll have had the chance to see or read the proposals from Mark, Helen & Fran. I'm sorry for the length of this email, but I want to set out in more detail what this means for us.

Across the News Group, integration is at the heart of iDelivering Quality First. For World Newsgathering, from April 2014, it will mean a transformation of what we do, and how we do it. Working with our language service colleagues, our goal is to build a single, multi-lingual, multi-location, multi-platform newsgathering operation, telling the big stories for audiences in the UK, and around the world.

It's quite an ambition. Our proposals will mean big changes. But the prize at the end is a team that is more.

Diverse: we look & sound more like the audiences we serve, rather than the place we broadcast from.

Agile: a more flexible operation that is ahead of where the stories are, not tied into legacy locations with long leases.

Capable: a single team serving audiences in UK & around the world, in English & other languages, through video, audio & text, for commercial & public services.

From April 2013, World Newsgathering will save £7m from its licence fee budget of around £35m - a target of 19%, in line with other parts of the BBC. However, recognising the importance of the operation to the whole of the BBC's journalism, it's also a priority for reinvestment. Over the same five year period, £3.5m will be invested to help us build the World Newsgathering of the future I've outlined above. It will mean by 2017, we will look and sound very different to the way we do now. We'll have fewer UK national & foreign correspondents & a more diverse reporting pool.

Around the world, that will mean different things in different places:

In some, with the help of the language services, we'll create a team

of bilingual reporters serving English & local output.

In others, we'll invest in places like China & Brazil to reflect the world as it will be, rather than the world as it was.

And we'll need to change the mix between overseas & local reporters to ensure we can maintain our footprint around the World.

We plan to close 44 current posts in World Newsgathering - 25% of the total 170 posts in the department. At the same time, we will create 22 new roles: 13 of them overseas on full UK contracts, a further 9 on local staff terms.

Overseas bureaux:

The primary English Newsgathering presence will remain in our hub bureaux. We will appoint a China Editor to lead our reporting of the world's biggest nation, and appoint a correspondent team in Brazil to cover its growing place in the world ahead of the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Olympics. We'll create a total of 9 new OCS correspondent posts, including upgrading our operations in Cairo, Shanghai & Tokyo. We intend to remain in all of our key hub locations, but in order to meet our aspirations to better report the emerging stories, we'll need to reduce the size of our current operations elsewhere, saving a total of 10 existing on-air OCS posts.

Across the rest of the world, we propose moving to a different model. We will close all our existing sponsored & unsponsored reporter posts.

Earlier this year, I announced our intention to appoint a new bilingual reporter in Baghdad, working to both BBC Arabic & Newsgathering, alongside our existing pilot role in Mexico. From April 2014, with the support of the relevant language services, they'll be joined by bilingual reporters in Islamabad, Lagos, Jakarta, Nairobi, Beirut, Gaza/Ramallah & Havana, replacing the existing sponsored & unsponsored posts in these locations.

In addition, we plan to change the remaining roles in Paris, Berlin, Rome, Istanbul, the United Nations, Los Angeles, Bangkok, Seoul & Sydney. We propose using reinvestment funds to replace the sponsored & unsponsored posts with locally recruited staff reporters, sharing locations where practical with other news organisations. For several years, we have employed local reporters in the United States, while across Europe UK nationals have the right to work. We believe we can deliver significant savings by moving to a more flexible model, without damaging our presence around the world. Reluctantly, it does mean that we have decided to close our operation in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Alongside our business bureaux in Singapore, New York, Dubai & Mumbai, and the current language service bureaux, this will give the BBC a presence in more than 30 countries around the World – still comprehensively the biggest of any British news organisation and in the global media ‘Premier League’

London operations:

The move of the World Affairs Unit to TVC last April has allowed us to make more coherent deployment decisions across domestic & global services. The move to W1 during 2012/13, should allow us to become more coherent still – joining up the planning and newsdesk operations at Bush House and TVC. From April 2013, we plan to close a further four reporting roles in London. Once the operations have settled down in W1, we propose closing a further four posts from the combined planning teams as well as closing the Newsgathering Features Unit, with the loss of a further two SBJ posts. We also want to explore running a more integrated ‘shared’ UK/World overnight newsdesk once the teams are co-sited in Broadcasting House.

Additional non-staff savings will come as a result of reducing the number of agencies we subscribe to, as well as a small reduction in the coverage budget, reflecting the proposed reduction in staff. However, these are not envisaged before April 2014.

World Service:

It is worth remembering that part of the reason we need to make the savings is because, from 2014, the licence fee is going to begin funding the World Service – including the £10m received by World Newsgathering. But for the next two years it continues to be funded through Grant-in-Aid. Last year, the Government announced it was reducing the amount the World Service received – and while protecting Newsgathering, the World Service has asked for savings over the remaining two years of the current GIA settlement. From April 2012, most of these will be achieved by the changes in our Baghdad operation I announced in the summer. Additionally, we have decided not to replace the Moscow SBJ role, which is currently vacant following Daniel Fisher’s return to London earlier this year.

I don’t underestimate the impact these proposals will have – on individuals, on the way we work in the UK, or on our operations overseas. However, this is a five year programme – some of the changes may not be introduced until 2017. None of the planned overseas changes will happen before 2014. It is unlikely this will impact on anyone currently posted abroad during their existing tour.

The challenge facing us is immense ñ and I appreciate that some of the decisions I've outlined are difficult. But the prize is real: a World Newsgathering that is more diverse, agile & capable, better able to meet the challenges of the commercial & public service world, one that is multi-lingual, multi-location and multi-platform.

It is a prize worth having ñ one I hope you will support. J

Jon Williams

World News Editor (via kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** U S A. I didn't notice anything amiss, but I heard that Greenville lost power for two hours, so was off the air at 1240-1440 UT Oct 12. That would only have affected R. Marti and some VOA Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. COMMITTEE FOR U.S. INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING FORMED, SUPPORTS "JOURNALISM IN DEFENSE OF MEDIA FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS"

BBG Watch, 5 Oct 2011, BBGWatcher: "BBG Watch has learned that individuals associated with U.S. human rights, labor, and media freedom organizations have formed the Committee for U.S. International Broadcasting (CUSIB) with the aim of working with the Administration, Congress and media to promote free flow of uncensored news from the United States to countries in which journalists are threatened or lack sufficient resources. Many of CUSIB members have been active in defending Voice of America radio and TV broadcasts to China, which the Broadcasting Board of Governors tried to eliminate until it met with strong bipartisan opposition in Congress.

The CUSIB website ó <http://cusib.org/cusib> or <http://cusib.org> ó describes the Committee for U.S. International Broadcasting is a nonpartisan, nongovernmental organization working to strengthen free flow of uncensored news from the United States to countries with restricted and developing media environments. CUSIB supports journalism in defense of media freedom and human rights and intends to work closely with the executive branch, Congress, and media to promote effective multi-channel delivery of news and information to overcome press censorship." (Posted: 09 Oct 2011, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

-- OK, but I'm concerned about "in defense of media freedom and human rights." As noble as those causes are, real journalism informs rather than advocates. This ambiguity on the matter of information versus advocacy has been, over the decades, a major factor in preventing US international broadcasting from reaching its potential (Kim Andrew Elliott, *ibid.*)

** U S A. BBG EMPLOYEE TIPS LED TO "MOST IMPROVED" AGENCY

When less than half of your employees say they'd recommend your agency as a great place to work, you have a problem that's not easy to fix. But faced with poor ratings year after year, the Broadcasting Board of Governors, which runs US government-financed international broadcasting, decided to do something about it. Their efforts paid off in this year's employee viewpoint survey, officials said.

In the Partnership for Public Service's "Best Places to Work in the Federal Government" rankings, the agency was named one of the two most improved, based on employee ratings of leadership, work culture and talent management. Read the story from [federalnewsradio.com](http://www.federalnewsradio.com)
<http://www.federalnewsradio.com/?nid=148&sid=2586194>
(October 11th, 2011 - 9:09 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. F2 logs 4-6/10/11 --- A couple of good days for F2 prop so I thought I'd copy my website log to the list and add some recordings while it's quiet. [many utility logs 30-40+ MHz, from NAm, SAm, Middle East; I excerpt the only SWBC harmonic included, and a correlating neighbour --- gh]

5th October 2011

1555 E2 Boom TV Cameroon. Weak and fluttery video.
1609 31.16 VOA AM spur, report from Addis Ababa
http://www.ukdx.org.uk/tv/audio/31160_voaspur_051011.mp3

(Paul, Sussex coast, UK, <http://www.ukdx.org.uk>
<http://www.youtube.com/Aceblaggard> WTFDA via WORLD OF RADIO 1586,
DXLD)

31160 = 2 x 15580, which at 1600+ is via: BOTSWANA, 100 kW on fundamental, 350 degrees (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 25990 kHz Feeder USA --- Weee, questa sera ottima propagazione in 11/10 [meaning 2011 October?] vs gli USA mt, ascoltato feeder stazione USA su 25990 kHz 2000 UT, in FM musica country slang U.S.! peccato molta evanescenza nel segnale no ID (peccato)!!! Ciao e buoni ascolti. NB: se qualcuno sa di quale stazione si tratta mandi il post!

[Later:] Dopo un controllo: la stazione potrebbe essere questa visto il tipo di musica: 25990, KSCS in Arlington, TX (Country Music) - Vedremo nelle prox serate se la propagazione tiene e se ascoltiamo l'ID!!!! Ciao e buona notte! (Mauro - Giroletti, Italy, -Swl 1510-

-IK2GFT- -JRC525Nrd - Lowe HF150-, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

25990 kHz USA in FM anche oggi ! [Archivio adjunto 1] Hola, anche questa sera presente il feedr USA su i 25990 khz alle 1630 UT, allego piccolo stralcio dell'ascolto; purtroppo come sempre al momento dell'annuncio È arrivata l'evanescenza del segnale peccato! Ciao e buoni ascolti 73 :D (- Mauro - -Swl 1510- Giroletti, Italy, -IK2GFT-, Oct 7, ibid.)

later: Weee, riascoltando pi~ volte la registrazione fatta in vari punti 2 ore di recod, l'annuncio È New Country, dovrebbe confermare che la stazione È la KSCS New country 96,3 MHz: <http://www.kscs.com/> Ciao e buoni ascolti!

Ciao Mauro! ho trovato questo sito con un elenco di feeders dai 25 ai 30 MHz: <http://users.skynet.be/dx/> Quella frequenza non c'È quindi non so quanto sia aggiornato perÙ. Roby (Robert Rizzardi, ibid.)

Ciao, se date un'occhiata al file su <http://www.eibispace.de/> aggiornato al 1/10 vedete che la frequenza c'È, cosÌ come le altre USA attorno ai 26 MHz. Buoni DX, (Alessandro Groppazzi, ibid.)

Grazie Alessandro, adesso speriamo che risponda con la QSL! Ciao e buoni DX! (Mauro, ibid.)

Ciao, incrociamo le dita; puoi provare qui via e-mail: <http://www.kscs.com/goout.asp?u=http://my.kscs.com/asp2/contactus.aspx> Certo non puoi allegargli lo spezzone con l'ID, che si sente chiaramente anche con il fading.

Ah, un suggerimento, prova a sentire se arrivano anche le altre due texane, soprattutto WBAP sui 25910 che È "sorella" di KSCS. Buoni DX! Buon week-end, (Alessandro, ibid., via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD)

Anche, oggi dalle 1400 UT segnale presente ma con evanescenza; mix con TAXI dall'EST Europa, la propagazione non era delle migliori verso ovest. Vediamo pi~ tardi -No segnale a 25910- Tentativo di richiesta QSL fatto. Vediamo se almeno rispondono alla e-mail! Ciaooooo (Mauro, Oct 8, ibid.)

07/10/2011 1630, 25990, KSCS Arlington, TX USA Relay FM 96.3 MHz country music, ID "New Country" (Mauro - Giroletti, -Swl 1510-, - IK2GFT-, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** U S A. 25950, COLORADO, KOA, Denver. 1329 October 9, 2011. End of one canned gospel program, local spot, into "Good morning and welcome

to Peace To You" Christian program. NBFM, local level. Still fantastic local level at 1601, with female mentioning that the local [sic] Wolf Creek ski resort is the first to open for the season, low 37 tomorrow, 41 degrees currently. into the second hour of "Broncos Warmup" pre-game coverage at 1604. And still local level, 1840 check. And still local level 2145 recheck! (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3195, Oct 7 at 0359, thought just in time to check this frequency at tail of the UT Friday 0330 airing of WORLD OF RADIO 1585 on WWRB 5051 which as usual started after a minute of respectful silence at 0331, and yes, at 0359, 3195 is now on in //. Since August, WWRB website has claimed that 3195 would be starting Sept 1, but I tired of hunting for it with no results.

Maybe it really started Oct 1; and maybe 5051 will subsequently be phased out? 5051 has been only fair here, and 3195 should be better at closer range. 3185 was also on with BS, unlike last night when stuck to 9385. After WOR, traces of some audio on 5051, but couldn't tell what, a sign-off? Cut off the air at 0401*. Dead air on 3195 until it went off a semiminute later. [WORLD OF RADIO 1586]

WORLD OF RADIO also confirmed on WTWW 9479, after 2100 Thursday Oct 6. Always huge signal here, and we consider this the prime airing for early listeners. Thank you, George.

Could not hear WRMI 9955 at same time, and just missed the 0500 UT Friday play, but at 0530 Oct 7 in R. Praga, fair signal with no jamming audible, so hope there was no/less jamming during WOR this week. Also confirmed on webcast before 1500 Friday.

Further airings of WOR 1585:

WRMI 9955: Saturday 0800, 1500, 1730; Sunday 0800, 1530, 1730; Monday 1130, 1530, 2130; Tuesday & Wednesday 1530

WTWW 5755: UT Sunday 0400

WBCQ Area 51 5110v-CUSB: UT Monday 0300

WRN via SiriusXM channel 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830

Hamburger Lokal Radio 5980: Tuesday 0930

Full schedule: <http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

WORLD OF RADIO 1585 monitoring: Saturday Oct 8 at 1517 trying WRMI 9955, but can only hear JBA signal(s), not enough to be certain my voice is on one of them. One often wonders whether besides aiming the other way, WRMI is also on its 5 kW backup instead of 50 kW.

Further repeats on WRMI: Saturday 1730, Sunday 0800, 1530, 1730, Monday 1130, 1530, 2130, Tuesday & Wednesday 1530.

On WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1730, Sun 0830
On WTWW: UT Sunday 0400 on 5755
On WBCQ: UT Monday 0300v on Area 51 5110v-CUSB
On Hamburger Lokal Radio: Tuesday 0930 on 5980

WORLD OF RADIO 1585 monitoring: confirmed on WTWW 5755, UT Sunday Oct 9 after 0400, VG signal. Some further airings:

Sun 1530, 1730, WRMI 9955

Mon 0300v, WBCQ 5110v-CUSB via Area 51

Mon 1130, 1530, 2130, WRMI 9955

Tue 0930, HLR 5980 Germany [how about some reports on this?]

Tue & Wed 1530, WRMI 9955

Full schedule updated: <http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 9954.965, FLORIDA, WRMI Radio Miami International, Miami-Hialeah Gardens. 1450 October 9, 2011. "AWR Wavescan" DX program hosted by Jeff White, with audio from speakers at the HFCC Conference in Dallas last month. Jeff White WRMI ID in English and Spanish at 1459, into Spanish (Jeff White, again) with similar DX programming [Viva Miami], also the HFCC Dallas discussion by he and a chica [wife Tha0s]. Very good, but Cuban pulse jammer present underneath (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3195, Oct 8 at 0354 check, WWRB is still on this reactivation with preacher // weaker 5051 with het. Maybe will be turning off 5051 after transition period. Full extent not explored, i.e. when 3195 comes on but it goes off after 0400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) And still on both 0211 UT Oct 13 (gh)

** U S A. 9330/USB, WBCQ Monticello ME (presumed); 2140-2146+, 6-Oct; Supplicative English huxter music; no preaching. SI0=4+54-; // spurs on 9296, SI0=252+ in LSB & weak one on 9364 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7555, Oct 10 at 0459, WEWN is on again with Regina Cúli IS; believe I forgot to log that it was missing again 23+ hours earlier. BTW, I discovered quite by accident that the way to produce combined oe is control-shift 7, then o, apparently because it sort of looks like an ampersand (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15809.4 and // 15840.6, Oct 8 at 1506, gospel huxter in American, perfectly readable at S9+5 level; you'd easily assume these were intentional stations if it weren't for the huger S9+20 matching

signal between at 15825 from WWCR, which apparently has improved the signals and modulation on its WWCR-1 +/- 15.6 kHz spurs. Used to be tough to hear much more than just carriers. Three frequencies for the price of one! (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also SOUTH CAROLINA [non]

15809.42v, TENNESSEE, WWCR, Nashville. 1638-1700 October 9, 2011. English male preacher spending a lot of time telling us that only God knows where Moses is buried, but we know where Mohammed is buried, for whatever importance that is. Closing at 1656 states this is a program via the Calvary Baptist Church, NYC, into nice oldie gospel male vocal "Peace in the Valley" then male canned ID. Drifted down to 15809.40. At 1800 check, noted in parallel with 15825.025 (stable), and 15840.58 which was also slightly drifts. Into "The Golden Age of Radio" at 1805, apparently no preacher brokers to fill the gap. Can't they operate just one transmitter at 100%? Lots of radio Wwbig junk up in TN (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15640-15870 approx., Oct 10 at 2009, splatter from WWCR 15825 extends this far, worst around 15670-15700, confirmed by comparing modulation peaks to 15825 on another receiver. But this time, the +/- 15.6 kHz spurs are missing. Think I'd rather have them; it's always something. Wonder if WWCR had swapped transmitters for the #1 service, as the one normally used for #4 is available after 2000 when 9980 is off.

At 1324 Oct 11, 15825 was pretty strong, but no splatter or spurs audible; instead heard RIT on 15812, see RUSSIA. But by 1349 the 15825 signal had built up enough to audiblize the 15810v/15840v spurs (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7520, Most likely WWCR in English spitting spurious signals with noisy audio quality in the 7502 to 7538 kHz range at present 0115 UT Oct 12, I see also two sideband peaks at 7504.381 and 7535.617 kHz. Some addresses given, hard to understand and to follow here in Europe. 73 and Good Night wb (Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 12100, Oct 12 at 1352 I notice WTWW is on as usual in Arabic, when Firedrake is unusually on 12105, but at 1424, 12100 is off to check out another interference problem. 9479 is still on.

FCC has prevailed upon WTWW to shift from 12100 to 12105, since BBC has complained about interference to its long-used 12095. So from 1300 Oct 13, look for WTWW-3 on 12105. This would not seem to be a very good idea, since just today Oct 12, I was hearing Firedrake on 12105 at 1352, and 12105 is already occupied for several hours by KSDA in Chinese and KTWR. 12100 itself had not been used by any other station.

However, 12105 is not on the B-11 schedule for AWR/KSDA so that collision and perhaps Firedrake should go away in a few weeks. But IBB Iranawila will be using 12105 some and still KTWB (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. On shortwave, the contrast to listening in Europe was huge. Virtually every station heard on the HF bands was broadcasting in English, whereas they are in the minority at most times of day when listening from home. [you weren't trying very hard if the only SW stations you logged were from USA, plus Anguilla and IRRS --- gh]

Perhaps the most astonishing and disturbing piece of radio I heard was Scriptures for America on WTWW 9480 [sic] kHz. A character named Pastor Peter J Peters was preaching religiously, but incorporated into his sermon was a stinging attack on the levels of crime in America committed (according to Peters) by the black community at a rate way above their proportion of the population. He declared that we need to pray for the white skinhead kids. Back home, a Google search about this programme threw up the phrase ``white supremacist`` in two of the top three search results! Further research (Glenn Hauser, World of radio) revealed that Peters died in July 2011 but that his ministry still has many hours of his programming yet to release.

Other eyebrow-raising (but less alarming) content could be found on the AM talk radio shows. My eldest son Jimmy was really surprised to hear a phone-in host proclaiming President Obama to be ``a liar and a con man``, as you just wouldn't get that sort of line on British radio. I didn't actually know before I went, but it was soon clear from listening to the radio that Florida is a very Republican state ñ and the Obama administration (Democrat) is very unpopular there! (Tom Read, M1EYP, Holiday Report ñ Davenport, Florida near Orlando on his family's first ever venture stateside, Oct BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. 17580, Oct 8 at 1504, Harold Camping lives! There he drones, pontificating about I Corinthians XIII: 12, fair with some hum. Certainly nothing about May 21 or October 21. Hadn't heard him in many weeks of random tuning across YFR frequencies. HFCC shows this English hour is 250 kW, 114 degrees from hummy Ascension; ascending, of course, being exactly what the rapture-eligible are counting on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

HAROLD CAMPING SAYS RAPTURE, END OF WORLD IS OCTOBER 21
<http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/227622/20111008/harold-camping-rapture-end-of-world-october-21-judgment-day-may-21-god-family-radio.htm>
(International Business Times via Kevin Redding, Oct 9, ABDX via DXLD)

[and non]. 15190, Oct 9 at 2225 check, WYFR Portuguese talking about

tribulaÁ,,o; lite het presumably from off-frequency R. InconfidÍncia, BRAZIL. Just in case anyone forgot, WYFR is still here at +2200-0045* in Portuguese, sometimes with English elements. We keep seeing occasional reports of R. Africa, Equatorial Guinea on 15190 without any definite ID, which was last certainly heard in April or May (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non]. Frequency and time changes of Family Radio in Marathi:
1400-1500 NF 13695 ERV 300 kW / 125 deg to SoAS from Oct 4 // 9595 DHA
1500-1600 on 13690 DHA 250 kW / 100 deg to SoAS cancelled from Oct. 4
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, 10 Oct via DXLD)

TP for 11 Oct 2011 from Victoria: Meager, but improved. All Asia.

Listened this morning from 1405 and conditions, unlike for Bill in AZ were pretty poor. Some of the first tier stations from Japan propagated quite well, but were highly variable and of short duration. Now, I'm going to amend my findings, since as I started to type this report, things really picked up, especially in the upper half of the band, and after 1400 (more like after ~ 1410). It just came alive. In fact, WYFR from Taiwan was just booming in with Dr. [sic] Harold Camping at 1408 at 9 level, better than HLAZ!

1557: 9 level WYFR at 1408 with Dr. Harold Camping (?reruns). Better than HLAZ for a while. Best ever here. He's still there at 1424 as I type this, still at about 8 level. DU was a washout today, though. By the way, SF 126, A 3 , K (12:00) 0 - *haven't seen a K of 0 for a while! *No space weather storms past, nor predicted for next 24 hours. 73s ([Dr. {medical, Ob-Gyn}] Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, Oct 11, IRCA via DXLD)

Harold Camping is not a Dr., but admittedly a layman (not that there's anything wrong with that) so no collegiality necessary (gh, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. 9955, Oct 7 at 1359, KTWR IS making fast SAH, weak signal mixing about equally with WRMI. Scheduled Cantonese semihour M-F only, so tough luck for those who would like to hear R. Prague via WRMI. It's about time the FCC quit putting other US stations on 9955! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. AWR B11 (2011-10-30 to 2012-03-24)

Site	Start	Stop	Language	Service Area	kHz	m	kW	Days
SDA	0000	0200	Mandarin	NE-China	12035	25	100	1234567
SDA	0000	0200	Mandarin	C/N-China	17880	16	100	1234567
SDA	0000	0030	Burmese	Myanmar	17635	16	100	1234567
SDA	0030	0100	Karen	Myanmar,Thailand,China	17635	16	100	1234567

SDA	0100	0200	Mandarin	S-China	17635	16	100	1234567
TAI	0100	0200	Vietnamese	Vietnam	15445	19	100	7
MOS	0200	0230	Urdu	Pakistan	5970	49	300	1234567
MDC	0230	0330	Malagasy	Madagascar	3215	90	50	1234567
MOS	0230	0300	Punjabi	Pakistan	5970	49	300	1234567
WER	0300	0330	Oromo	S-Ethiopia	7370	41	250	1234567
WER	0300	0330	Tigrinya	Eritrea	7315	41	250	1234567
SDA	0300	0330	Russian	E-Russia	17635	16	100	1234567
MOS	0330	0430	Farsi	Iran	6145	49	300	1234567
WER	0330	0400	Amharic	Ethiopia	7370	41	250	1234567
MEY	0400	0600	Arabic	Egypt,Iraq,ArabPeninsula	15480	19	250	1234567
WER	0400	0430	Bulgarian	Bulgaria	5975	49	100	1234567
MOS	0430	0500	French	Morocco,Algeria	6045	49	300	1234567
WER	0700	0800	Arabic	Morocco,Algeria	11975	25	100	1234567
WER	0800	0830	French	Morocco,Algeria	15145	19	100	1234567
WER	0800	0830	Kabyle	Morocco,Algeria	15125	19	100	1234567
WER	0830	0900	Tachelhit	Morocco,Algeria	15145	19	100	1234567
SDA	1000	1100	Mandarin	S-China	15260	19	100	1234567
SDA	1000	1100	Mandarin	C/N-China	11955	25	100	1234567
NAU	1000	1100	Italian	Italy	9610	31	100	1
SDA	1030	1100	Ilonggo	Philippines	11870	25	100	45
SDA	1030	1100	Cebuano	Philippines	11870	25	100	67
SDA	1030	1100	Ilocano	Philippines	11870	25	100	1
SDA	1030	1100	Tagalog	Philippines	11870	25	100	23
SDA	1100	1130	Indonesian	W-Indonesia	15495	19	100	1234567
SDA	1100	1200	Mandarin	S-China	12035	25	100	1234567
SDA	1100	1200	Mandarin	C/N-China	11825	25	100	1234567
SDA	1100	1200	Mandarin	NE-China	11730	25	100	1234567
SDA	1130	1200	Javanese	Indonesia,Malaysia	15260	19	100	2 4 6
SDA	1130	1200	Sundanese	Indonesia,Malaysia	15260	19	100	1 3 5 7
NAU	1200	1230	English	NE-India,Bangladesh	17510	16	250	1234567
SDA	1200	1300	Korean	Korea	9880	31	100	1234567
SDA	1200	1300	Mandarin	NE-China	11855	25	100	1234567
SDA	1200	1300	Mandarin	S-China	12035	25	100	1234567
SDA	1200	1300	Mandarin	C/N-China	11825	25	100	1234567
NAU	1230	1300	Bangla	NE-India,Bangladesh	17510	16	250	1234567
SDA	1300	1330	Khmer	Cambod,Viet,Thai, Laos	11935	25	100	1234567
SDA	1300	1330	Karen	Myanmar,Thailand,China	11860	25	100	1234567
NAU	1300	1330	Mandarin	W-China	15480	19	250	23456
NAU	1300	1330	Uighur	W-China	15480	19	250	1 7
SDA	1300	1400	Mandarin	C/N-China	9920	31	100	1234567
MDC	1300	1400	Vietnamese	Vietnam	17670	16	250	1234567
SDA	1300	1330	Bangla	Bangladesh	15660	19	100	1234567
SDA	1330	1400	Russian	E-Russia	9655	31	100	1234567
SDA	1330	1400	Thai	Cambod,Viet,Thai,Laos	11935	25	100	234 6
NAU	1330	1500	Mandarin	W-China	15480	19	250	1234567
SDA	1330	1400	Malay	Malaysia	15660	19	100	23 7
SDA	1330	1400	Khmer	Cambod,Viet,Thai,Laos	11935	25	100	1

SDA	1330	1400	Hmong	Thailand	15660	19	100	56
SDA	1330	1400	Lao	Cambod, Viet, Thai, Laos	11935	25	100	5 7
SDA	1330	1400	Assamese	NE-India	15660	19	100	1 4
SDA	1400	1430	Sinhalese	Sri Lanka	15255	19	100	1234567
SDA	1400	1500	Mandarin	S-China	11915	25	100	1234567
SDA	1400	1500	Mandarin	C/N-China	9920	31	100	1234567
MOS	1400	1430	Urdu	Pakistan	15440	19	300	1234567
SDA	1400	1430	Chin	Myanmar	11940	25	100	1234567
SDA	1430	1500	PWO WKaren	Myanmar, Thailand, China	11940	25	100	1234567
MDC	1430	1528	Malagasy	Madagascar	3215	90	50	1234567
MOS	1430	1500	Afar Djibouti	NE-Ethiopia, Somalia	17605	16	300	1234567
SDA	1430	1500	Burmese	Myanmar	15660	19	100	1234567
SDA	1500	1530	Telugu	S-India	11675	25	100	1234567
WER	1500	1530	Nepali	Nepal	15255	19	250	1234567
MOS	1500	1530	Turkish	Turkey	11955	25	300	1234567
SDA	1500	1530	Mizo	NE-India	15215	19	100	1234567
WER	1500	1530	Panjabi	N-India	15270	19	250	1234567
SDA	1500	1530	Kachin	Myanmar	15660	19	100	1234567
SDA	1500	1530	Tamil	S-India	11685	25	100	1234567
WER	1530	1600	English	Nepal, Tibet	15255	19	250	1234 7
SDA	1530	1600	Kannada	S-India	11690	25	100	1234567
SDA	1530	1600	Hindi	C-India	15215	19	100	1234567
WER	1530	1600	Tibetan	Nepal, Tibet	15255	19	250	56
WER	1530	1600	Hindi	N-India	15270	19	250	1234567
SDA	1530	1600	Marathi	C-India	15495	19	100	1234567
SDA	1530	1600	Malayalam	S-India	11955	25	100	1234567
SDA	1600	1630	English	S-India	11690	25	100	1234567
SDA	1600	1630	Urdu	N-India	11720	25	100	1234567
MOS	1600	1630	Urdu	Pakistan	15250	19	300	1234567
WER	1600	1630	Bulgarian	Bulgaria	6100	49	100	1234567
SDA	1600	1630	English	C-India	15215	19	100	1234567
ISS	1630	1700	Somali	Somalia	17575	16	250	1234567
MOS	1630	1730	Farsi	Iran	11645	25	300	1234567
SDA	1630	1700	English	N-India	11935	25	100	1234567
MEY	1700	1730	Kiswahili	Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda	11925	25	250	1234567
MEY	1730	1800	Masai	Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda	11925	25	250	1234567
WER	1730	1800	Kabyle	Morocco, Algeria	11860	25	100	1234567
WER	1730	1800	Oromo	S-Ethiopia	11795	25	250	1234567
MOS	1800	1830	Col English	S-Sudan	11690	25	300	4
MOS	1800	1830	Moro	S-Sudan	11690	25	300	1
MOS	1800	1830	Acholi	S-Sudan	11690	25	300	7
MEY	1800	1830	English	SW-Africa	3215	90	100	1234567
MEY	1800	1830	English	Botswana, S.Af, Zimbabwe	3345	90	100	1234567
MOS	1800	1830	Dinka	S-Sudan	11690	25	300	5
MOS	1800	1830	Juba Arabic	S-Sudan	11690	25	300	3
MOS	1800	1830	Bari	S-Sudan	11690	25	300	2
MOS	1800	1830	Zande	S-Sudan	11690	25	300	6
MEY	1830	1900	English	E-Africa	11830	25	250	1234567

MOS	1830	1900	Arabic	Libya	11860	25	300	1234567
MEY	1900	2100	Arabic	Egypt,Iraq,Arab Peninsula	15480	19	250	1234567
WER	1900	1930	Arabic	Morocco,Algeria	11760	25	100	1234567
MEY	1900	1930	Fulfulde	Cameroon,Ghana,Senegal	15240	19	500	1234567
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WER	1900	1930	Wolof	Senegal,Gambia	11860	25	250	1234567
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MOS	2000	2030	Dyula	Burk.Faso,Ivory Coast,Mali	9770	31	300	1234567
WER	2000	2030	French	Morocco,Algeria	9805	31	100	1234567
MEY	2000	2030	French	Cameroon,Niger	11755	25	250	1234567
MOS	2030	2100	French	W-Africa	9805	31	300	1234567
MEY	2030	2100	Yoruba	Nigeria	11755	25	250	1234567
SDA	2100	2200	Mandarin	C/N-China	9720	31	100	1234567
SDA	2100	2200	Mandarin	W-Japan,S-China	9565	31	100	1234567
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SDA	2200	2230	Sundanese	W-Indonesia	11850	25	100	2 4 67
SDA	2230	2300	English	W-Indonesia	15320	19	100	1234567
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SDA	2300	2400	Vietnamese	Vietnam	15320	19	100	1234567
SDA	2300	2400	Mandarin	C/N-China	15370	19	100	1234567

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ISS = Issoudun
MDC = Madagascar
MEY = Meyerton
MOS = Moosbrunn
NAU = Nauen
SDA = Agat
TAI = Taipei
WER = Wertachtal

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1 = Sunday
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7 = Saturday

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--- (via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, Oct 10, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. UNIDENTIFIED. 17211-USB approx., Oct 11 at 1406-1407* YL robot with marine weather in English, but frequency and thus pitch of voice fluxuates with modulation! Another out-of-whack maritime transmitter; is anyone paying attention? Could not catch closing ID as it was too far off-pitch at the moment. Can't find anything listed or reported recently 17210-17212, except for a 1987 log of 17211 as KF0 San Francisco in SIT0R. Maybe it's also off-frequency from further away.

17211 approx., Oct 12 at 1358 I am QRX for the unID marine weather YL robot I heard yesterday until 1407*, out of whack USB with frequency and consequently pitch varying with speech making copy very difficult, no way to tune it in properly; if it had been on AM, the same frequency instability would have been tolerable.

Comes on at *1359 with same defect, so this time I look for nearby // in case it is spurious. Yes! There 'she' is on 17260-USB which is loud and stable; furthermore with matching spur circa 17309, i.e. 49 kHz on the other side. Giving G.C.s, knots of storms, cites NHC Miami; 1405 ID as WLO, holding traffic for a list of vessels by number, not callsign or name. Sign off as ``whisky lima oscar, and kilo lima bravo, standing by for calls; end of broadcast`` and off between 1406 and 1407*. No replies heard here, as no doubt paired with an unknown duplex frequency. But is it really WLO, or KLB on 17260 putting out the spurs? UDXF yg hits lead to WLO (Mobile AL), not KLB (Kent WA) (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 28285.8, FLORIDA, WA4ROX, Largo. 1308 October 9, 2011. This amateur radio HF beacon remains active, and still slightly warbly, with CW calls cycling just under 60 seconds. Registered to: EDWARD G. VOGENEY, WA4ROX, 10570 114TH TER N, LARGO, FL 33773, 0.75 watts, A1 mode. I'll have to drop in on him some day, as he's just a little SW of me. Google Streetview doesn't show any obvious sticks (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, Abridged pile of junk [partly applying to all logs in this issue]: JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder; Sangean PR-D5; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE SuperRadio III; RadioShack DX-399; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 570 / 910, FLORIDA, WTBN, Pinellas Park and WTWD, Plant City respectively. 1849 UT October 9, 2011. Two Christian talk program audios feeding through the board on both stations, almost equal audio level. Brilliant (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 680, Oct 9 at 1200 UT, KNBR is dominating with ID as ``The Sports Leader`` but same announcer then blithely introducing 'The Commonwealth Club', breaking format, but who cares at 5 am Sunday?? [Also had Mormon Tabernacle Choir again after 1230 on KNX 1070.] Is hour-long discussion with CEO bigwigs about public vs private partnerships. C.C. originates in San Francisco and is mostly heard on public radio stations, such as KQED which was mentioned in the intro. Mexican NA dimly audible underneath. There are 8 possibilities west of Yucat'an, 3 in NW MÈxico (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 770, Oct 10 at 1220 UT, KKOB ID in passing during news, making SAH with Spanish music, maybe one logged later from MEXICO, q.v. When I hear KKOB before its sunrise switch to non-direxional from Albuquerque, I suspect it's really the 230-watt night-only non-direxional co-channel repeater in Santa Fe, but hard to be certain as some signal may still leak out from 50 kW in the North Valley despite null toward WABC and close to us. FCC still qualifies SF as ``experimental synchronous operation``, and oddly enough does not have a separate callsign! October SR/SS times are 1315 and 0030 UT between which only the 50 kW ABQ should be on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 870, Oct 8 at 1241, Spanish ad with 1-800 number, ID ``8-70, Radio [algo]``, perhaps Variedades, KLSQ Nevada; making SAH of about 7 Hz with XETAR(?) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 930, Oct 9 at 1206 UT, PSAs for Alcoholix Anonymous, charter schools, then ID for ``930-AM, KCCC, Carlsbad``. Tnx to sharp null possible with WKY OKC during its weekly English semi-hour. This New Mexican may be 'personal first' from OK; is non-direxional 1000 W daytime, 60 watts nite, but 500 watts PSRA which would have started at 1200 (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 990, Oct 9 at 1253 UT, ``Radioexitosfm.net en KFCD, gracias al Metroplex``, as previously researched, but good to get a definite call letter ID (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Tonight, try for WKCE-1120 Maryville, TN with Fox Sports Radio. They started night operations for Friday night HSFB and are now 24/7, despite being licensed for daytime operation only. I helped put this facility on the air in 1985. Wish now that I hadn't. Don't hold out for a ToH legal ID from WKCE-1120 at night. All you'll get is eight seconds of dead air (Steve Francis, Alcoa, Tennessee, UT 6 Oct, IRCA and WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

** U S A. 1140, Oct 9 at 1245 UT, ``W [doble-u], la m's mexicana,

[URL] en su Blackberry`` by super-hype voice actor. Nothing fits on Cant``s Mexican listings, so default to USA, where we google KLTK in Centerton, northwest Arkansas, <http://www.lasmexicana1140.com/> But I don't know where the W comes from; some affiliation with that even more Mexican group? Overrides OKC for a while (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1190, Oct 9 at 1230 UT instead of a Mexican, Spanish here is ``La 11-90`` from WSW, 1231 temp ``en el aeropuerto de Phoenix``, time as 5:31, so KNUV, COL Tolleson AZ. NRC AM Log shows it as ``Grupo F rmula``. Website confirms slogan I heard: <http://www.onda1190am.com/> with wide variety of programming, radio-locator.com coverage map, street view of building, etc.

FCC AM query shows 5 kW day, 250 watts nite, contrary to KNUV's claim of 400 watts nite. No PSRA info nor in NRC AM Log, so must have been on nite power, whatever that is (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1440, ALABAMA, WLWI, Montgomery. 1105 October 8, 2011. Tune-in to a male canned listing of concerts and open-to-public events at Auburn University, then local spots, including Dixie Electric. Then, Gerry Rafferty's "Baker Street" bumper music into, "Live from Houston, it's the Dave Ramsey Show." Presumably a previous day show replay, being that they apparently have no live-and-local gardening, swap shop or bass fishing show to slot in at this time. Trivia: Wiki lists Ramsey's opening themes (bumper music) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Dave_Ramsey_Show_%28radio_program%29 First log of this one here (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1510, Oct 9 at 1226, Yahoo Sports Radio; KCTE Independence MO is a listed affiliate but there is no het and not from the NE, so must be the other one in NRC AM Log, KCKK Littleton CO. (It's the odd station with 25 kW night, 10 kW day, aside from pattern changes.) At 1248 there is a het on 1510+ as off-frequency daytimer KCTE has come on and is now dominant (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1620 South Bend format change? Noted 0657-0703 EDT this morning - WDND(?) - 1620 IN with country influenced rock mx, news headlines with Kim Ryan (?), weather with Fox 20 Meteorologist Ken Garcee(?); Only ID seemed to be an FM slogan "U93" or similar. Are AM call letters still WDND? Any help appreciated (Marc DeLorenzo, South Dennis, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, Oct 12, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

You haven't seen DXLD 11-40 (gh, DXLD 11-41)

Yep, Marc, it's South Bend. Format change took place on September

23rd, according to Wikipedia, and several DXers have reported it to various listservers in the past few weeks. CLs still seem to be WDND. With 1490 in South Bend now silent, there are no local all-sports stations on AM in a market where sports is a pretty big thing. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska, Oct 12, IRCA via DXLD)

** U S A. "College Radio Day" today --- Today's the day...fans of the genre might be interested in checking this out:

<http://www.collegeradioday.com/>

(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, Oct 11, 2011, Internetradio mailing list via DXLD) which says:

COLLEGE RADIO DAY 2011 IS OVER! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OCT 9, 2012, THE NEXT CRD! (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** URUGUAY. Visita fotogr·fica (Phototour) XMTR Site Radiodifusi·n Nacional, SODRE, Santiago V·zquez. Last entry in my blog, "La Galena del Sur". /ltima entrada en mi blog "La Galena del Sur"

Visita fotogr·fica a la Planta Emisora de Radiodifusi·n Nacional, SODRE, en Santiago V·zquez (Uruguay) --- Photo tour to Radiodifusi·n Nacional, SODRE, transmitter site of Santiago V·zquez.
<http://lagalenadelsur.wordpress.com/2011/10/07/los-trasmisores-del-sodre-en-santiago-vazquez/>
(Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky, Montevideo, Uruguay, dxldyg via DXLD)

In Spanish language, but lot of pics! You can visit via Google translation (somewhat raw, BTW, but rather readable)
http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=es&tl=en&js=n&prev=_t&hl=es&ie=UTF-8&layout=2&eotf=1&u=http%3A%2F%2Ftagalenadelur.wordpress.com%2F2011%2F10%2F07%2Flos-trasmisores-del-sodre-en-santiago-vazquez%2F&act=url
(Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky, Montevideo, Uruguay, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** VANUATU. 7260, Radio Vanuatu, 0815-0830, in Tok Pidgin. English C&W and ballad type music, poor reception. 09-October-2011 (Ed Wlodarski, N2ED, New Jersey, Ten Tec RX340 & 100 Ft Long Wire, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Last reported on 7260 from NZ, July 13 as in DXLD 11-33. All reports since have been on 3945, mostly by Bobrowiec, Brasil. So 7260 is reactivated? Watch out for Ulaanbaatar and Urumqi, both also scheduled on 7260 after 0655, per HFCC and Aoki, but may be too early for them at 0800, especially Wulumuchi. Vanuatu has its own local English-based lingua franca, Bislama, related to Tok Pisin on other islands:
<http://www.omniglot.com/writing/bislama.php>
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. 8535, 0517 7 Sept, Vatican Radio, Reports, ``English service of Vatican Radio,``, spur? SIO 252 (Alan Pennington, UK, HF Logbook, Oct BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Sure, leapfrog of 5965 over 7250, another 1285 kHz higher (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7250, what's become of Vatican Radio? Absent from reliable frequency, Oct 8 at 0538 check when noticed BBC 7255 with no ACI; still gone at 0603 when IGIM 7245 also had no ACI.

7250, Oct 9 at 0452, VR is back in French; was absent 23 hours earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [and non]. PROTEST SUPPORTS TWO VIET BROADCASTERS FACING TRIAL --- Epoch Times Staff Created: Oct 4, 2011 Last Updated: Oct 5

In a related event, protesters at the Vietnamese consulate in San Francisco on Oct. 3 advocate for freedom for broadcasters Vu Duc Trung and Le Van Thanh. (Jan Jekielek/The Epoch Times)

NEW YORK -- Vu Duc Trung, a 30-year-old tech executive, and Le Van Thanh, his 35-year-old brother-in-law, are due to stand trial in Hanoi on Thursday for airing shortwave radio broadcasts [WTFK??] from Vietnam into China. The two downloaded Chinese-language programs from the Sound of Hope Radio (SOH) network about human rights abuses, official corruption, protests, and the persecution of Falun Gong in China.

On Tuesday, New York Falun Gong practitioners gathered across from the Vietnamese Consulate General on United Nations Plaza to support the two men. They were protesting the prosecution, saying it was a result of pressure on Vietnam by the Chinese regime.

"Please do NOT follow the instructions of the Chinese government and sentence innocent Vietnamese citizens to jail for their courageous deeds," said a letter the practitioners delivered to the Consulate General in New York.

The Chinese regime takes strict measures to control all information that reaches the Chinese people. On May 30, 2010, the Chinese Embassy sent a memo to various Vietnamese government departments demanding the broadcasts stop and those responsible be charged. Trung and Thanh were arrested just three weeks later and have been held in jail ever since -- for more than 15 months.

"What Mr. Trung and Mr. Thanh did wasn't for themselves," the letter

explains. "They did it all because they want to save other people's lives. They did NOTHING that hurts Vietnam or the Vietnamese government."

It concludes, "These people are very respectable citizens of Vietnam who are courageous and put other people's interests above their own. They do not belong in jail and should not be tried."

Trung and Thanh had been scheduled for trial originally on April 8; however, the trial was postponed. The protesters say this was due to international pressure, as Reporters Without Borders and other press freedom and human rights groups publicized the case.

"We want to show the Vietnamese government that these two Falun Gong practitioners have freedom of speech, and that we will pay close attention to this incident," Chen Yue, deputy director of the New York SOH branch, said on Tuesday.

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New York Falun Gong practitioner representative Sun Zhenyu said, "We call on the Vietnamese government to comply with the international covenant and safeguard humankind's freedom of speech and freedom of religion, and not to yield to the CCP's pressure and become its thugs. The Vietnamese government must unconditionally release these two Falun Gong practitioners immediately." Protests have also been held in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Houston, and Australia (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** WALES. 24962-USB, Oct 8 at 1855, ``MW0ZZK in a small village on the west coast of Wales``, making numerous contest contacts such as a W6, among many other TA signals on 12m. Along with several photos of his antennas on the QRZ.com lookup page:

MW0ZZK

Steve Redmond

QSL via EB7DX [Spain]

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Wales

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. 06/10/2011 2054, 1550, RADIO NACIONAL DE LA RASD, ALGERIA Rabouni, px in locale better [sic] (Mauro - Giroletti, - Swl 1510-, -IK2GFT-, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

ESTA«'ES CLANDESTINAS: 1550, Polisario Front station, Rabouni, ALGERIA, 1030-1300*, 09/10, Arabic, talks,..., music, newscast at noon, songs, anthem at closure; 25443. Still no parallel HF outlet, it's silent during both daily brpads. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves,

PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

IN WESTERN SAHARA PRISON, "RADIO BECAME A KIND OF INTELLECTUAL NOURISHMENT." Posted: 09 Oct 2011

Pambazuka News, 5 Oct 2011, Nikolaj Nielsen: Brahim Sabbar, recalling his detention in the Seguiat al Hamra prison in Western Sahara: "We created a lot of committees, committee of theatre, of culture, of coordination with the leaders, and tried to emulate the organized structure of the Polisario from inside the prison. Finally we got the right to get a radio with a single medium wave. However, we figured out how to get short wave so we could listen to the BBC and Radio France Internationale. The radio became a kind of intellectual nourishment." (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. ZNBC2. 6165 Lusaka. Oct 8, 2011, Saturday. 2014-2035. Real-time relay of the VOA's "Music Time in Africa", with music from the Central African Republic. Confirmed // 909 and 4930 VOA via Botswana. Fair-good signal, but with a whiney, constantly changing, whistle in the background. Jo'burg sunset 1611 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. Radio Tanzania Zanzibar. 6015 Dole. Oct 2, 2011, Sunday. Not there, at least between 0330 and 0340. Jo'burg sunrise 0348.

6015 Dole. Oct 3, 2011, Monday. Not there at several checks between 0300 and 0400. Jo'burg sunrise 0346.

6015 Dole. Oct 4, 2011, Tuesday. Not there at several checks between 0320 and 0340. However, it is sunrise here in five minutes and already getting light. Zanzibar is one hour ahead of us, so it is a complete light path to Zanzibar by now. Even the Zambian stations are poor, and their transmitters are due north of Jo'burg. Jo'burg sunrise 0345.

6015 Dole. Oct 5, 2011, Wednesday. Not there at 0340, but it is already daylight here, although just before sunrise. Jo'burg sunrise 0344.

6015 Dole. Oct 6, 2011, Thursday. Not there at several checks from 0255 - 0320, but it is just starting to get light here by 0320. According to <http://www.timeanddate.com> today's sunrise in Zanzibar is at 0306 and here in Jo'burg it is at 0343. With an *0300 sign on and sunrise at 0306, the daily window to catch Zanzibar from Jo'burg will be fully closed soon. There now seems little point in checking on a daily basis until our southern winter comes around again (A12 season), bringing with it a total dark path. So I will check periodically for another couple of weeks just in case I get it via greyline, but will no longer log no-shows. Jo'burg sunrise 0343 (Bill Bingham, RSA,

dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6015, Radio Tanzania Zanzibar. As of Oct 11 they continue to be off the air in the 0256 to 0320 time period; was not a matter of poor propagation (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÜn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE. Voice of Zimbabwe. 4828 Gweru. Oct 5, 2011, Wednesday. 1945-2020. I haven't heard Voice of Zimbabwe regularly for some time now. I heard it several times in April (DXLD 11-18) and others have reported it sporadically since then. I last logged it on Sept 8 (DXLD 11-37) during an early morning over-run, some time after it should have signed off, but reception then was very poor. I found it coming in well tonight (armchair quality), with a good strong signal. Several OM's in a discussion about education in Zimbabwe and its problems, especially in Harare. Then at 1950, ID "Voice of Zimbabwe", and a discussion on democracy there. News at 2000 (all about Zim) read by YL, but didn't hear an ID at TOH. At 2005 mentioned "ZBC News" and at 2009 "You are listening to the news from the Voice of Zimbabwe", followed by brief afro music. Then at 2011 an OM said "Welcome to the indiginisation [sic] debate", which turned out to be a discussion about foreign ownership of the mining industry there and the likely benefits of its transfer to local ownership. That's when I lost interest. Good, to Southern Africa. Jo'burg sunset 1610.

4828 Gweru. Oct 6, 2011, Thursday. Not there at various checks from 1805 to 1902. In total contrast to last night, Wednesday 5th, nothing at all tonight. Presumably not a propagation thing, because ZNBC1 & ZNBC2 (5915 & 6165 from Lusaka, Zambia) are almost hopping directly over Gweru to give a fair signal here in Jo'burg. Jo'burg sunset 1610.

4828 Gweru. Oct 7, 2011, Friday. 2014-2031. Tuned in to a programme of mbira / marimba music. ID at 2017 "ZBC". Good. Not as good as Oct 5, it is more fadey tonight. But it is a bit better than the Zambians on 5915 and 6165, so I conclude it was definitely off-air last night. Jo'burg sunset 1611.

4828 Gweru. Oct 8, 2011, Saturday. Not there at 1920, but Zambian's ZNBC1 and ZNBC2 (5915 and 6165) are hopping over Gweru to give fair-good reception in Joburg. Voice of Zim must be off-air again. Jo'burg sunset 1611.

4828 Gweru. Oct 11, 2011, Tuesday. 1917-1924. OM (apparently some ambassador or other) talking about sanctions against Zimbabwe; there seems to be a modulation problem, it keeps cutting out, but OK by 1919. YL announcer at 1922 then afro music, followed by OM with news of what some "comrade" or other has to say about sanctions. Strong signal but distorted and quite fadey, difficult to hear what is being

said. Jo'burg sunset 1613 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. South Africa. SW Radio Africa. 4880 Meyerton. Oct 8, 2011, Saturday. 1732-1755. The end of "News Roundup". OM's talking about the "CIO" and its role in torture and disappearances in Zimbabwe. ID at 1734 "SW Radio Africa", followed by YL and OM singing an afro song. Another id at 1740 "SW Radio Africa", followed by "You are listening to Clifford's Corner on SW Radio Africa --- Zimbabwe's Independent Voice". At later check, 1812, one OM interviewing another in Ndebele. Very good, armchair listening. I have never received SW Radio Africa so well. Jo'burg sunset 1611.

4880 Meyerton. Oct 11, 2011, Tuesday. 1848-1858* "Newsreel". Talking about indignisation, then about problems at the University of Zimbabwe. As it signed off at 1858* there was a snippet of the irritating Family Radio music loop for about 5 seconds till the carrier was cut. Even though Family Radio is not scheduled on this frequency at any time. Armchair listening again. Only 15 kHz below Zimbabwe Community Radio on 4895, but a far stronger signal with no fading. Jo'burg sunset 1613 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. South Africa. Zimbabwe Community Radio. 4895 Meyerton. Oct 11, 2011, Tuesday. 1800-1850. Lots of talk and IDs, but doing other things at the time I didn't really listen to it. Generally good, although a much weaker signal than SW Radio Africa on 4880 and with some deep fades to noise level. Interesting that SW Radio Africa, 15 kHz lower, was exceptionally good on October 8, and just as good tonight with no fading at all. I thought all Meyerton transmitters were 100 kW, but maybe not (or rather, maybe not any more) Jo'burg sunset 1613 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 530+, Oct 10 at 0605 UT, R. Enciclopedia, Cuba, music is marred by tooting sounds every few sex irregularly on the upper side, different notes from one time to the next; briefly suspected it was a defect on Cuban transmitter, but still hearing it at 1158 after Cuba is gone. Very strange (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1210, Oct 10 at 1230, KGYN OK has a low/het rumble from something in Spanish, first time noted that. Don't necessarily blame a Mexican, with super-lax standards unenforced by the FCC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Mystery BBC WS heard in South Africa. Country ?? BBC WS. 1296 kHz. Transmitter location ?? Oct 8, 2011, Saturday. 1831-1856*. Discussion of guinea worm, a parasitic worm which lives in humans in Africa. Then moved on to the side effects of anti-psychotic drugs. I

heard this same programme on the BBC WS a few days ago, but whence is it coming on this medium wave frequency at this time? Aoki and EiBi list BBC WS on this frequency from Orfordness in England (I thought it had closed down?), but at 0400-0600, and Aoki adds that it is DRM. The Euro-African Medium Wave Guide agrees, although it differs one hour on timing. In any case, surely not? I have had BBC and French local stations on medium wave before, but in the wee small hours of our local morning (circa 0100 UT), never at this sort of time. But it IS the BBC WS - ID at 1849 "You are listening to Science in Action on the BBC World Service". None of my guides (including any of the A11 DXLD's) lists a likely African candidate to be relaying this programme. Noted that 1296 is 2 x 648 kHz, another common medium wave frequency, but still no likely relay there either. Suddenly went off-air in mid sentence at 1856*. I am mystified. Heard on Sony ICF2001D. Fair reception. Jo'burg sunset 1611 (Bill Bingham, RSA, Oct 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Maybe test transmissions for the coming winter season B-11 ?

see enclosed Babcock file under 1296 kHz like Polish Radio Warsaw, via Orfordness TX site, close to Ipswich. Former Anglo-American OHR - Over The Horizon Radar system "Cobra Mist" area.

300 Kilowatt and azimuth of 96 degr let out some back lobe signal out also to all England area. 52 06'04.61"N 01 34'44.07"E

6 masts for 1296 kHz max 500 kW, reduced to 300 kW at
<http://maps.google.de/maps?q=52%C2%B006%2704.61%22N%2B01%C2%B034%2744.07%22E&hl=de&ie=UTF8&ll=52.101242,1.579121&spn=0.001249,0.003484&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=20.953177,57.084961&vpsrc=6&t=f&z=19&ecpose=52.10073753,1.57908956,218.48,2.17,14.431,0>

73 wb wwdxc germany (Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It might have been Orfordness testing. As Kai Ludwig has reported, Polish Radio will be using 1296 at this time (1800-1900) in the B11 period. The sudden cut at 1856 is consistent with a test (Chris Greenway, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks Chris, I spotted your reply after sending my second post. I must say, if it was being generated within the Sony I wouldn't expect it to cut off whilst the // 3255 and 6190 continue, so I should think you are correct. Many thanks (Bill Bingham, RSA, 1835 UT Oct 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At 1819 I am hearing the BBC WS on 1296 kHz again, // 3255 and 6190 from Meyerton. But I am only hearing it upstairs on the Sony, not downstairs on the Drake (using the same long wire). Possibly being generated somehow within the Sony? Strange coincidence that it falls

right on a common medium wave frequency (Bill Bingham, RSA, 1828 Oct 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The BBC WS transmission on 1296 kHz went off air again at 1856, whilst the two parallels continue from Meyerton. Chris's Orfordness test transmission theory has a lot going for it! (Bill Bingham, 1905 UT, ibid.)

The sign-off time points to 4895 Zimbabwe Community Radio via Meyerton. One possibility could be 6190 BBCWS via Meyerton (if there is such transmission at that time) minus 4895 is 1295. That is 1 kHz off the 1296 you mentioned. Or maybe it's just Sony making tricks. 73, (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, ibid.)

Surely someone in Europe, even UK could confirm whether 1296 Orfordness has been on and off at this time or not (Glenn Hauser, ibid.) See also POLAND [non] for related discussion

Glenn, checked 1296 kHz channel on remote SDR units in GB, HOL, GER, ITA, FIN at 1800-1840 UT Oct 10. Nothing of BBCWS transmissions heard this morning, and tonight.

Re 1296 kHz mediumwave from Orfordness on daytime --- this Oct 10th morning at 0758 UT to 1001 UT I checked the MW band on DAYTIME condition in southern England by access to 3 remote SDR receiver units between Blackpool and Cornwall location area.

1296 kHz HOL program in Dutch powerhouse signal of $S=9+40\text{dB}$ at 0758 and 0959 UT - latter program end. At 1000:03 Babcock control room 'CELLO music took over audio feed line, followed by TX switch-OFF, at 1000:24 UT, afterwards at 1001 UT heard the local 10kW Birmingham stn co-channel, but very tiny signal just under threshold.

But at 1800-1840 UT Oct 10 on 1296 kHz, heard nothing from Orfordness-GB tx site. Rather strong in England: COPE Spain sport program at 1830 UT and RXL Birmingham Asian emigrants Radio program.

In Eindhoven, the Netherlands both COPE Spain and RXL Birmingham on top, also very strong Omdurman Sudan in Arabic! In Italy noted COPE Spain very strong. And Serbian Radio program too. 73 wolffy (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

Thanks Glenn and Jari for your inputs. I am going back to my suspicion of the Sony ICF2001D, because I know they are famous for putting things where they shouldn't be. I think I was just thrown off course by it being right on a common medium wave frequency.

The mystery BBC was there again tonight, but once more only on the

Sony; nothing at all on the Drake or Hallicrafters. Reception was poor tonight though, I couldn't tell exactly what time it disappeared but it had definitely gone by 1856, as before. BBC is still going strong as I write this at 1918 UT, on 3255 and 6190 from Meyerton. I doubt that Zimbabwe Community Radio on 4895 is part of the problem; it is a rare catch in Jo'burg, I haven't logged it since last March, and it certainly wasn't audible tonight. It must go right over my head on its way to Zim. I also doubt it could be a mixing product at Meyerton, because then it would surely appear on all the receivers? I think I'll just put it aside until someone can hopefully confirm whether Orfordness is active or not at this time. Many thanks (Bill Bingham, ibid.)

Bill, look at e-groups harmonics. We had a lot of intermodulation signals to report in the past decade. Also report previously in co-operation with ham radio intruder watch group activities and German frequency control management. I agree with Jari's mathematic calculation, $6190 \text{ minus } 4895 = 1295 \text{ kHz}$ --- and symmetrical in most cases also on upper side $6190 \text{ plus } 1295 = 7485 \text{ kHz}$.

So, at next {southern winter} time, when 4895 and 1295 kHz BBCWS signal from Meyerton is very strong on your Sony set ! - check also 7485 kHz on upper side then! As usual you should hear the ZCR program of 4895MEY on upper 7485 kHz channel then.

> Re: nothing at all on the Drake or Hallicrafters

Some Intermodulation products are often heard only on one set at same monitoring post location, i.e. I noted IP-intermodulation products often on very sensitive Eton E1 set only, but never on AOR7030, Drake rx, or three different SONY ICF2001 sets at same location. 73 wolffy (B_schel, ibid.)

Bill, 4895 would not necessarily have to propagate in order to produce a transmitted mixing product from 6190 on 1295. But if you are positive it was 1296.0, 1 kHz away is enough to scuttle this theory.

And all the way from UK on 1296 is a bit of a stretch for regular good(?) reception. What about Sudan? Not that they would be involved but with very high power ought to be a significant signal (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Glenn, Re: Sony ICF2001D rx set --- you use this set with 'fiddling' the continuous VFO knob, and in normal-wide or small AM mode position be n o t aware to hear the signal center frequency of 1295 or 1296 kHz either. Only you use instead CW or synchronous detection mode, you will see the properst signal strength diode shining ...

4895 1755-1855 BAB Meyerton 100 0deg English SoAF LP=log periodig ant
6190 1800-2200 BBC Meyerton 100 15deg English SoAF LP

Seemingly both transmissions coming from the separate 100 kW transmitter domestic transmitting part at Meyerton Bloemendal, via log periodic antennas, to serve shorter distances with high angle.

See enclosed screenshots of both former RSA sites, the international one further north, and the more domestic and neighbouring countries in SoAF menat site, more southerly. In G.E. see picture of 11 August 2009 only, at least seven horizontal log periodics are visible.

It's easy to listen to two separate receivers and check the broadcast start-and/or end-time of ZCR on 4895 kHz at around 1755 UT or 1855 UT, and compare it with 1296/1295 kHz reception. 73 wolffy (Wolfgang B_schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Wolfie, I wonder if this is tx site mixing product, should there also be something on 6190 plus 4895 = 11085? 73, (Jari Savolainen, Finland, via B_schel, DXLD)

Hi I guess not, only on the difference of both given frequencies, i.e. 4895 and 6190 difference.

And only between LP types on the MEY station, on other TX sites there is mainly a problem between MW and SW antennas, i.e. at Armavir Krasnodar for example. Or Sitkunai / formerly Deanovec too.

But could be also happen on the LPs, i.e. 3255 kHz / 6190 mixture ???

3230	1900-2000	smtwtfs	YFR	Meyerton	100	5	English	S AF	LP
3255	0300-0400	smtwtfs	BBC	Meyerton	100	0	English	S AF	LP
3255	0400-0600	smtwtfs	BBC	Meyerton	100	0	English	S AF	LP
3255	1600-1800	smtwtfs	BBC	Meyerton	100	0	English	S AF	LP
3255	1800-2200	smtwtfs	BBC	Meyerton	100	0	English	S AF	LP
3955	1900-2000	smtwtfs	YFR	Meyerton	100	76	Portuguese	S AF	LP
4895	1755-1855	smtwtfs	BAB	Meyerton	100	0	English	S AF	LP
6100	1700-1800	smtwtfs	YFR	Meyerton	100	76	French	SE AF	LP
6190	0300-0600	smtwtfs	BBC	Meyerton	100	15	English	S AF	LP
6190	0600-1400	smtwtfs	BBC	Meyerton	100	0	English	S AF	LP
6190	1400-1600	smtwtfs	BBC	Meyerton	100	0	English	S AF	LP
6190	1600-1800	smtwtfs	BBC	Meyerton	100	15	English	S AF	LP
6190	1800-2200	smtwtfs	BBC	Meyerton	100	15	English	S AF	LP
7435	1400-1600	smtwtfs	BBC	Meyerton	100	15	English	S AF	LP
9860	0600-0700	smtwtfs	BBC	Meyerton	100	15	English	S AF	LP
12095	0700-1400	smtwtfs	BBC	Meyerton	100	15	English	S AF	LP

Will - probably - not happen on Curtain antenna, half-wave dipole

array, multi centre/end aperiodic screen types at Meyerton site.
vy 73 de wolffy (Wolfgang B,schel, DXLD)

Hi Glenn and Wolffy, thanks for your informative comments.

Wolffy, the way you describe it makes sense. I was particularly interested in your comments about the differences between various receivers at the same site; I have always assumed that an intermodulation product transmitted from any given transmitter would be received on all receivers, albeit with variable quality, as just another incoming signal. [I agree with you on that --- gh]

Glenn, I should know by now - never say that something is a rare catch. Zimbabwe Community Radio is coming in quite well tonight, albeit with some deep fades to noise level. Maybe I'm just usually in the right place at the wrong time. According to the Sony, on either LSB or USB, it zero-beats on 4895.2 kHz. I'm also getting the mystery station on 1295.2kHz, which would bear out Jari's theory. Well done, Jari!! Have also checked on 7485 as Wolffy suggests, and there is nothing there.

Re your comments on Sudan; I don't often hear Sudan on 1296. I logged it on four almost consecutive nights in February and March this year with one "fair" and three "poor", but interesting (or perhaps not !) that I logged it again - on the Drake - on September 25, from 2125-2150 UTC. My log notes show "Fair at first, but faded to JBA quite quickly at 2145" (see dxldyg 55673, Log from South Africa 25/9-29/9, 2011).

The lesson seems to be that, good as the ICF2001D is for shortwave and medium wave listening, one should be very cautious about using it to log a new station that is not already on the lists. But that is probably already well-known to dxldyg members. My apologies to anyone who has been misled and inconvenienced by this log; and thanks to everyone who responded to it with suggestions (Bill Bingham, Oct 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, I was only able to listen at 1930z and all that was there was a faint Arab station. I also suspect mix products from Meyerton. The BBCWS stations from Meyerton are

3255

6190 off at 1900z

6005 on at 1900

12095

Will try again for a listen at 1830z. My DX friend Vashek may be better placed to help you from his QTH in Joburg. Regards (John Plimmer, Montagu, Cape Province, South Africa, Oct 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear John / Glenn, Tonight no BBCWS heard here in Johannesburg on 1295/6: there's a good signal from Sudan on my AR7030 on 1296, and the same on Sony ICF-7600GR but weaker. Not even a carrier on 1295. By the way John, some great catches in Seefontein - wish I was there! Hopefully the next time. Cheers, (Vashek Korinek, Oct 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In retrospect, with SW Radio Africa on 4880 from Meyerton coming in so well on Oct 8, I should perhaps have anticipated problems. I'll know for next time, unless I forget! (Bill Bingham, Oct 12, *ibid.*)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1360, Oct 9 at 1254, Spanish mentions Arizona, soon losing to Catholix from KS or TX. NRC AM Log has KPXQ Glendale, 50/1 kW, ``The Christian Station`` but not as Spanish. Nor does own website, English only:
<http://www.kpxq1360.com/ProgramGuide/?channel=ProgramGuide&parent1=root>
so the Arizona mention must have been a false lead.

Only SS listed in NRC-AM Log anywhere around here is KMNY Hurst TX (Metroplex), which would have been on 50 kW day power since 1230 UT in Oct, but with null towards us accounting for poor signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, I'm sure that I have heard Spanish before on this station [KPXQ], and it caught me by surprise. I think they have like one hour of some Spanish programming, weekends only, and at odd hours. I'm going to look into it (Rick Barton, AZ, ABDX via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1410, Oct 7 at 1242 UT, after sunrise I venture into the upper regionals as the lower MF channels are outfading, and find some Spanish here, looping E/W briefly surpassing KQAM Wichita N/S. Searching the 2011-2012 NRC AM Log for SS stations near and westward, I find only two possibilities other than Mexicans, KHCH Huntsville TX, R. Amistad, religious for Houston, but it's a bit late for that and not E-W; and a longer shot, KCAL Redlands CA, Radio Tricolor, La Mexicanísima, address in San Bernardino (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Mexicans were previously hypothesized

UNIDENTIFIED. Some Japanese Dxr receives the UnID SE Asian station on 5835 kHz from around 1100 to now (1500UT). Mainly local pops, sometimes short announcement by female. Sound like Burmese?
<http://ani.atz.jp/FBDX/NowBBS/img/1935.mp3> by peace J at 1421UT on Oct. 7 (S. Hasegawa, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I wondered where they went. They obviously shifted from 7186.7. Yes, it is Myanmar (Robin L. Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, Oct 8,

WORLD OF RADIO 1586, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5835.00, 1612, Oct 07, faint traces of local pop songs flanked by RFA Korean 5830. Was too weak for me to be able to pull out announcements, if any. Still there at 1706 recheck, not beyond S6; frequency is clear except for occasional ute QRM. Could well be the UNID first reported here by Sei-ichi Hasegawa and which Robin Harwood says is Myanmar ex 7185v. Seems very late for them to be still on air, test or what? (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands /TenTec RX-340, 30 m. longwire, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See MYANMAR for more definite logs, but did not last long on 5835 (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5955: This channel had a weak carrier recently, after 18xx, when the stronger presumed ERITREA-carrier disappeared, but on Wednesday Oct. 5 there was a fair AM signal at 1800+ with talk in presumed French, several male and female speakers, but no details. gone at 1945 recheck. Probably also there on Thursday, but weaker. Nothing listed there in eibi or AOKI. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, Münster, Germany, <http://africalist.de.ms> Oct 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6050, Oct 8 at 1331, still hearing a het, one of which has to be off-frequency MALAYSIA [q.v.] on 6049.6 or so, but would 10 kW HCJB still be propagating 6050.0 so long after 1058 UT sunrise there? I have heard it as much as a sesquihour later but this is an additional hour, also an hour past sunrise here.

Only other thing listed (besides discounted Brazilian in full day) is PBS Xizang which Aoki says is 100 kW, 85 degrees from Lhasa-Baiding 602 site, while HFCC says is 100 kW, 290 degrees from Lhasa, both as continuously from 2000 until 1800 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6923-AM, Oct 8 at 0543 rock music, 0547 ID as 6925 kHz shortwave, this is Radio --- (something, North?), fades, and by 0551 fading weaker, out or off? Maybe R. True North. I wish the pirates would make more effort to ID clearly, like slow it down, repeat it a few times in a row to compensate for fades, don't have music in background, etc., etc. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6923+, Oct 9 at 0455, music on AM, from some pirate; *0458:30 hit by het from a stronger pirate on 6925+ until one of them went off at 0502; no announcements heard (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See CANADA, Radio True North

UNIDENTIFIED. 6924.6 AM, S9+8 pirate Oct 7 at 0533 with music, announcement mentions ``102 FM Chicago``, then disco, some talkovers making copy difficult; 0537 ``I want my radio`` sung several times. (So do I.) Gave a g-mail address which I could not copy either,

sounded like Radio Two @. Dozed during more music past 0603 and heard no more announcements (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non] Glenn, Regarding your UNIDENTIFIED, I logged and positively identified Radio True North on 6924.65 from 0616 until 0633 closedown on 7 October. Earlier at 0530 there had been an open carrier on the frequency (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai (Northland) New Zealand, AOR7030+ and EWES to North, Central & South America, Google Earth - 36.1170 S, 174.5670 E, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7225-7230-7235, Oct 8 at 0601, DRM noise has started here, and also:
7425-7430-7435, Oct 8 at 0601, DRM noise. I can't positively ID them without a DRM receiver, and since they are listed from different countries, ROMANIA and AUSTRIA I conveniently file them both here:
7230, RRI in German at 0600-0630, 300 kW, 307 degrees from Tiganeshti
7430, BBC in English at 0600-0700, 40 kW, 300 degrees from Moosbrunn
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Really 300 kW full AM power??

UNIDENTIFIED. 17701, Oct 12 at 1409, intruder, poor signal in CW, not hand-keyed, with ACI from Saudi 17705 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 17820, Oct 8 at *2018 big open carrier on and off, like Greenville does around 1308 UT pre-VOA Portuguese 1700, but this? Could still be GB for some reason, but the next big broadcast on 17820 is DW via WHRI at 22-23, due to expire at end of A-11 along with many other DW transmissions, making Furman into even more of a white elephant (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Further evidence that the higher frequencies are propagating now, besides ham DX on 12m, Russian harmonic on 24080:

23280-23305, 23577-23602, 23927-23952, Oct 8 at 1455, same-sounding OTH radar pulses, all 25-kHz bandwidth associated with CYPRUS, but it seems there are too many possible sources to be sure.

24450-24840, weak CODAR pulses audible thruout this range Oct 8 at 1456, stronger at the low end (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 25330-25480, and weaker 25580-25650 CODAR pulses, Oct 10 at 1350, along with OTH Radar below 25 MHz, see CYPRUS.

25330-25475, and weaker 25545-25650, Oct 12 at 1416, CODAR pulse ranges audible; none in the 24-25 area this time. Are these all the way from Europe, as 10 and 12 m hambands are open? Too bad no broadcasters are even trying their 11 m band (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 30689, 30692, Oct 7 at 0519, still detecting JBA carriers in the nightmiddle, so I must conclude these are of local origin, not faraway harmonix. Quite a coincidence, as the 30-31 MHz range is vacant except for another one around 30.1. Anyhow we did get confirmation from Buenos Aires that RAE 15345v can be heard on 30690v, so it remains a propagational possibility. Look for that whenever 10m is full of LUs, and 15345 is active as in previous report's schedule (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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#### UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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Acknowledged on WORLD OF RADIO 1586:

Thanks to Rodney Scribner, Pittston ME, for a check in the P-mail to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702, ``in memory of Rocky`` (gh)

To be acknowledged in following WORs:

Thanks for DXLD every week, Glenn. Always enjoy. All the best a (Andy Reid, with a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com)

In memory of Gigi Lytle (Tom McLaughlin, Lubbock TX, 7 Oct, with a contribution to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702)

Gigi was an enthusiastic SWL collaborator in Lubbock who died several years ago and another anniversary has arrived (gh)

#### TINY TRAP

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Tiny Katty Kay, who resumed her anchoress duties on BBC World News America Oct 11, after a fortnight's holiday (?), voiced a headline at 2201 UT mentioning ``tiny Slovakia`` re its reluctance to help bail out Greece, being such a small, poor country itself. In terms a Brit might understand, let's compare UK subdivisions to the size of Slovakia, square km:

48,834 Slovakia

14,148 Northern Ireland

20,779 Wales

78,772 Scotland

130,395 England

244,820 GB & NI total [different sources; do not add up precisely]

So Slovakia is somewhere between Wales and Scotland in extent. Would

she qualify either of those as ``tiny``? Population-wise Slovakia was only 5,455,000 in 2008, but tiny?????

O, o, she's at it again: Oct 13 at 2225 Katty Kay calls Bhutan a ``tiny country``, etc., etc. It's no Monaco, horizontally or vertically! Area = 38,394 sq km, so bigger than NI plus Wales (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MUSEA  
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RADIO MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE FOR TEACHERS OCT. 13  
The Bellingham Herald, By Kira M Cox, October 5, 2011

The American Museum of Radio and Electricity is having an open house for teachers on Thursday, Oct. 13. During the open house, teachers will be able to tour the museum, view demonstrations and see the Mega Zapper, the museum's large Tesla coil. The open house is free for teachers, who can bring along two additional people. The open house is from 3 to 6 p.m. at the museum, 1312 Bay St., Bellingham, WA.

Read more:

<http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2011/10/05/2215750/radio-museum-open-house-for-teachers.html#ixzz1ZxIJ3W4i>

(via Mike Terry, dxldyg, in advance, via DXLD)

FORMER VOA BETHANY TRANSMITTER BUILDING IS "THREE SEPARATE MUSEUMS UNDER ONE ROOF" Posted: 06 Oct 2011

TV Technology, 4 Oct 2011, James E. O'Neal: "Cincinnati is something of a U.S. broadcast Mecca, with a great deal of pioneering taking place in the region. Located just north of the city in the former home of the VOA's Bethany shortwave transmitting plant is a relatively new entry in broadcast equipment collectionsóit's actually three separate museums under one roof. The first of these is the Gray Museum of Wireless History, which contains artifacts that trace the evolution of radio from its 19th century beginnings. Its holdings include a number of television artifacts, including a klystron that powered Washington, D.C. station WDCA in its early years, racking up nearly 48,000 hours of service before it was retired.

The National Voice of America Museum of Broadcasting, while devoted strictly to HF [shortwave] broadcasting, features a remaining 250,000 Watt Collins transmitter and the control room used until the facility went dark in 1994. The third entry, the Media Heritage Museum, is devoted to Greater Cincinnati and Ohio radio and television broadcasting and houses such artifacts, including an Ampex quad videotape machine, RCA studio camera, Grass Valley switcher and monitoring gear, as well as a good representation of audio equipment.



This collection is unusual in that it's more focused on the 'software' side of broadcasting the content or programming without which the 'fifth estate' would never have succeeded." See previous post about the VOA Bethany site (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM  
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Re: [dxld] Occupation Movement Needs Amateur Operators

Thanks, Glenn! We still need amateur operators as we can expect police and other authorities to interfere with communications by cutting off internet, cell phones, etc. as the crowds grow larger and media coverage picks up. Building goodwill is what amateur radio has always been about. Providing communications if and when needed has always part of what we are here for. Thanks for anyone who can, will, and does step up in whatever city they are closest to (Shortwave America, Oct 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

jWin Radios

Unfortunately, I have owned 2 jWin radios in the past - I would never buy a third. My 1st was the 9-Band portable AM/FM/SW JXM-14. After a week or so of "casual use," the push-detent band selector button and the accompanying slide switch failed. It would have cost more to send the radio back than the purchase cost, so it sits in the box collecting dust.

Wanting to give the company a second chance (my mistake), I purchased a second jWin radio from a different vendor. This was a later model, the JXM-17 portable AM/FM/LW/SW. Again, after a week or two the rotary band switch on the front of the radio failed. Again, returning it would have been cost-prohibitive, so It sits alongside my other jWin radio, collecting dust.

I'm REALLY hoping that the inclusion of DSP technology has forced jWin to take a long, hard look at their QC and improve their radios.

As always, my opinions are my own and, hopefully, reflect only my experiences and not the experiences of other DX'ers with jWin products. 73 & Great DX'ing (Steve Ponder, N5WBI, Oct 9, AMFMTVDX mailing list via DXLD)

ID THAT TUNE

Often we might be mystified by an unfamiliar song heard on the radio. One good reference source has always been the Guinness Book of British Hit Singles and Albums. Now I have a recommendation from Hans Knot:

iSuddenly I had an idea. I'd recently bought a smart phone and had added an app called Shazam. This identifies tracks from a vast data bank simply by one holding the phone next to the audio equipment in question playing the mystery record. It is a very clever application.

Holding my breath, I switched on the tape deck on my now acquired mini hi-fi system, started playing the quarter century-old tape of Radio Monique and held the phone close to the unit. Alas, no luck. Shazam was unable to identify it. Oh no. Disaster! I also have a similar application on my phone called eTrack ID. One more chance, I thought, although I was not very confident of this identifying it either.

But to my great surprise and delight it came up trumps immediately! The mystery disc was by Donna Lynton - (That's Why) I Will Always Love You. The next and final thing was to see if it was on YouTube. I had previously searched the site by putting in the title, but nothing came up. Now I had the artist's name as well. Would I find it this time? Had anyone even uploaded it? Bingo! Up it came. Someone had posted it last year.

So I was able to hear it for the first time in all its stereo glory. And not only that; another YouTube member had uploaded a clip from TROS TV in 1986, showing Donna Lynton singing the song on stage as the finale to a live music show.î

Apparently Shazam can work with less than perfect audio ñ it claims it can identify tunes being played in the background of a noisy bar. Sounds like a powerful piece of software. The inventors write:

iWe have developed and commercially deployed a flexible audio search engine. The algorithm is noise and distortion resistant, computationally efficient, and massively scalable, capable of quickly identifying a short segment of music captured through a cellphone microphone in the presence of foreground voices and other dominant noise, and through voice codec compression, out of a database of over a million tracks. The algorithm uses a combinatorially hashed timefrequency constellation analysis of the audio, yielding unusual properties such as transparency, in which multiple tracks mixed together may each be identified. Furthermore, for applications such as radio monitoring, search times on the order of a few milliseconds per query are attained, even on a massive music database.î

Here is the full technical insight:

<http://www.ee.columbia.edu/~dpwe/papers/Wang03-shazam.pdf>  
(Oct MW News via DXLD)

Re: Why Did The FCC Allocate NDB's on LW Broadcast Channels?

> My question is does anybody still use the long wave  
> beacons (besides DX'ing them) for any useful purpose?  
> If they aren't being used then they should all be turned  
> off permanently & the frequencies never reused so we  
> can finally DX whatever is there.

If this happened, what would there be to DX between 280 thru 285 and 326 thru 529 kHz? There are around 11,050 NDBs on-air worldwide today. Most of the world uses 190-529 for NDBs, and some countries even intersperse them among AM broadcast stations up to 1700kHz. I frankly would have liked to see LW broadcast used in the USA; however, that would also mean not being able to use the 1750 Meter band (160-190 kHz) for Part 15 and Part 5 amateur beacons. There are always going to be pros and cons.

NDBs are still used in conjunction with other modes of navigation. Pilots do not like to rely on just one mode of navigation (i.e. only GPS or only VORs) because:

A. GPS is susceptible to interference (both intentional, unintentional, and natural-caused - happens to all of us occasionally using car navigational devices). GPS is vulnerable to failure (only a matter of time - not IF, but WHEN) due to a huge X-class solar flare, or a wave of micrometeorites physically damaging them. Also, heavy precipitation can interfere with GPS.

B. LORAN-C is dead as of 2 years ago due to some very unwise decisions in Washington. Without LORAN-C, you'd definitely want SOME SORT OF backup system for LONG-RANGE navigation beyond standard VHF-based VORs if GPS gave out for whatever reason. Nowadays, one giant solar flare or mass meteorite hit to the GPS constellation, and we're going to be back to all-ground-based navigation. Better to be ready instead of scrambling to get something in place - without LORAN around, NDBs would necessarily be ready to pick up that slack as they're already in place. And mariners would be able to have something to turn to besides the stars, sun and compass.

C. NDBs are very cheap and easy to construct and operate, and can be placed at even the most primitive or budget-strapped airstrips in very remote areas.

NDBs are worth the extra navigational peace-of-mind they offer a pilot unable to use VORs or GPS if equipment on the ground or in the air fails (Darwin Long, Empire, LA, Oct 10, ABDX via DXLD

THE POWER BLACKOUT OF SEPTEMBER 8

The widespread power outage on September 8, 2011 gave us an unprecedented opportunity to see how the San Diego County - Imperial County Regional Communications System (RCS) would behave when confronted with the total loss of commercial power. The RCS is a large 800 MHz trunking system that spans two California counties and handles critical public safety radio communications such as police and fire.

Last week, the RCS office released its Preliminary Report on system performance during the power outage. The report (available at the URL below with specific transmitter site names deleted for security reasons) gives us our first real look at system-wide behavior during the power outage. We believe that the issue of power generator reliability is one of the key questions that will come out of the event. Without reliable long-term backup power, critical sites will go dark.

Following is the RCS office's paper entitled, "Preliminary Report: RCS Performance During September 8, 2011 Regional Power Outage." Congratulations to the many skilled individuals who pooled their talents and resources to compile this report on short order.

[http://earthsignals.com/add\\_CGC/2011-10%20RCS\\_Rpt.pdf](http://earthsignals.com/add_CGC/2011-10%20RCS_Rpt.pdf)  
(CGC Communicator Oct 11 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

#### FREE ñ BAND

The unlicensed people who work this end of the HF radio band call themselves Free-banders. A Website with much detail about the band can be found at:

<http://cmdxgroup.tripod.com/fr-freeband.html>

The band is loosely defined as above and below the 40 channel CB band in North America.

26000 kHz to 26965 kHz

27405 kHz to 28000 kHz

#### TRANSATLANTIC DX 27635 kHz

On Sept 24 at 1305 EDT [1705 UT] I picked up my Sony ICF-2010 from my garage workbench and turned it on. For some unknown reason the screen read 26000 kHz. So I decided to slowly scan up to the 30 MHz limit, something I do rarely these days of low sunspot numbers. Much to my surprise there was a loud and clear back and forth civilized conversation on 27400 kHz LSB going on between northern California and Kentucky 140i, presumably by the latter's comments, in or near Kentucky. The conversation was still in progress and quickly faded out about ten minutes later.

The next day, the 25th, at 1145 EDT [1545 UT], hoping my luck would hold, I again scanned the upper reaches of the dial. On 27635 kHz USB there was a conversation between the Loire region of France and somewhere in the Saguenay region of Quebec. The France end of the conversation was as clear as a local signal; the Saguenay side was clean but weak and noisy. The Frenchman had been to Quebec earlier in the year as a tourist and was more than happy to contact someone in his own language from these parts. Thankfully he had nice things to say about his trip and the people he met here. There was a civilized breaker from Texas who just wanted to trade names and locations who came in at the same time as the signal from the Saguenay. The Frenchman, who did speak English, pushed him aside. A little consideration and sharing of the airwaves can go a long way to promote oneís and oneís countryís PR, but thatís just me (Robert Ellis, QC, World Utility Column, October CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV  
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TV DX Test

WAND Channel 17 is now on the air with the new 1,000 kW system. Those interested in TV DX, we would love to hear from you. It would be especially helpful if you could look at RF 18, and see how it compares to the new RF 17 signal. Reports can be sent to:

Frank Brannock, Chief Engineer  
WAND Television  
904 W South Side Drive  
Decatur, IL 62521-4022  
or frank.brannock(at)wandtv.com

The stations will be // for about 30 days, then channel 18 will go off. Feel free to cc: me with any still shots, or WMV files that I can share with our corporate office.

(Frederick R. Vobbe, Director of Engineering  
Block Communications, Inc  
1424 Rice Ave  
Lima OH 45805  
fvobbe(at)wllo.com 10 Oct, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Appears to be on the air with full power // ch. 18 and same signal strength (Jeff Kadet, Macomb, IL, 0500 UT 12 Oct, ibid.)

I scanned the girlfriend's Vizio set just now and two additional channels popped up, now I get WAND-TV as 17-1, 17-2, 17-3 and 17-4. The last two are providing a fine signal, nothing received on the

first two according to this set. Here's the announcement on what WAND plans on doing:  
<http://ftpcontent.worldnow.com/wand/Channel%20change%20announcement.htm>  
(Curtis at Paxton, Illinois, Sadowski, ibid.)

Did you say: "Digital TV" ?!!

10/12, at 4:00 EDT --- All sorts of undecodable digital signals tonight (Quebec City, Ottawa); Getting tired of watching low signal levels and waiting for PSIP! Ironically, the most fun I'm having with this event is watching three Canadian analogs fighting it off on channel 11 with local quality:  
CKWS-11 Kingston ON  
CBFT1-11 Mont-Laurier QC  
CBVE-11 Quebec City QC

I'm seriously considering going back to FM DXing which I've neglected this year. But I guess I'm gonna have to wait till next year, I have a feeling that this is gonna be the last tropo event for quite a while. Weather's been very nice, record braking actually, but now it's back to rain and cold temps for the rest of the week. 73, (Charles Gauthier, Brossard, QC, WTFDA via DXLD)

Pretty sad, isn't it Charly? For me, anyway, this is what DTV DXing amounts to: watching signals in the "bad" box and hoping, mostly in vain, for a PSIP to decode. I even took down my VHF antenna and replaced it with a Winegard 7-13 model which works better on high band than the old one. Who needs low band anymore except for maybe 6 weeks in the summer (and you could even dispute that statement). You're just going to end up receiving the same handful of lowband DTVs over and over again. And the same 2-3 analogs over and over. And if you're lucky you may get one new logging over the summer.

I could live with the IBOC [on FM]. I guess I have to. But the lack of any good tropo is a killer. I've lived here since 1974 and we would get huge openings to Norfolk and coastal NC. We'd get huge openings to Nova Scotia. Where are they now? We'd even get monster tropo to NYC at a lousy 100 miles and even those don't even happen anymore. So without propagation, what's the point? (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, ibid.)

Charles, I know DTV reception can be very limited and tricky, but yet it can be more amazing than analog TV reception (in my opinion). I've been DXing TV for over 50 years and the best UHF distances I've recorded have been with digital, not analog. I've been messing with DTV reception since 2001 and I've found that it is all about location, location, location. During those ten years, I've experimented with the CM 4221 4-bay, the CM 4228 8-bay, a large unknown model Antennacraft

UHF/VHF combo, three different models of UHF Yagis from Antennas Direct and Triax as single antennas and doubles (two antennas) horizontally stacked and a Finco P-7 (7 ft. parabolic). I've done mobile testing at various locations, mobile reception while in a moving car, and other home reception tests besides at my own home location.

I've reported before that a friend who lives out in the country near Quincy, IL can receive St. Louis, MO DTVs at 99-104 miles almost anytime day and night with a rather short Radio Shack UHF Yagi less than 20 ft. AGL. Meanwhile, I live in a suburban area about 11 miles north of downtown Indy, surrounded by large trees and two-story houses with high-pitched roofs, plus I'm 3-5 miles from most of the Indy TV/FM towers. If I used the same setup he uses near Quincy, I'd do okay with the locals but I'd never receive stations out around 95-100 miles (Fort Wayne, IN; Dayton and Cincinnati, OH) almost anytime I wanted them. Even with the Yagi stacks and the 7 ft. parabolic, I can receive stations in that range only when there is some tropo enhancement in the area. As a recent comparison, I set up my CM 4-bay with a CM 7777 at about 24 ft. AGL last weekend. Yesterday morning, with some tropo to the northeast, I tried to compare reception between the 4-bay setup and the 7-ft. parabolic with a Winegard HDP-269 at just under 40 ft. AGL, and there was no comparison. A number of stations showing up with strong signals from the parabolic were not even showing up with the 4-bay. But a few weeks ago I tested the same 4-bay setup out in the country near Quincy, IL and I was receiving DTV stations over 200 miles and even over 300 miles.

I don't know, or don't remember, what kind of antenna setup you are using for DTV reception. Since you too are in a metro/suburban city area, I would only suggest that you attempt to get your antenna as high as possible above the surrounding buildings, trees, clutter, etc. Using Doug's website to look up the station info for Ottawa and Quebec City, it appears they have good height and power for the area. Checking distance, it looks like Ottawa is about the same as several of my area stations, approximately 100 miles, while Quebec City is around 145 miles. Under the right conditions, I would think the Ottawa stations would be a fairly easy catch.

Sorry to be so windy here, and I'm not an authority on this by any means, but I thought I'd pass along a few of my experiences (Steve Rich, Indianapolis, IN, *ibid.*)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC  
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"FM DIGITAL APPLICATIONS FOR DIGITAL NOTIFICATION  
PETITION TO RESCIND" dismissed

A new category of applications appeared in today's Broadcast Actions Public Notice ---

Stations wishing to add IBOC are not required to ask for FCC permission, but they are required to \*notify\* the FCC that they have done so. As you might guess, these are called "Digital Notifications".

This petition to rescind was filed last May by All Pro Broadcasting, against CBS's KRTH-101.1 Los Angeles. All Pro owns KATY-FM 101.3 Idyllwild - which you might well imagine might suffer from IBOC interference from KRTH. One would presume if the FCC were to rescind KRTH's Digital Notification, the station would lose authority to use IBOC.

We won't find out though, as the FCC has dismissed the petition (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, Oct 6, WTFDA via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See also ASCENSION; BULGARIA; KOREA SOUTH  
\*\*\*\*\* NIGERIA; POLAND non; RUSSIA; SPAIN; UK;  
UNIDENTIFIED 7230 7430 = ROMANIA, AUSTRIA

Update on MSway Receivers

<http://drмна.bcdx.org/wp/?p=1016#more-1016>  
(via drмна list via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

DRM: FIRST TRANSMISSION FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA

The DRM Consortium will make its first ever DRM transmissions for Southern Africa in French and English on October 11th on the occasion of the Digital Radio Conference organised by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) at the headquarters of the European Parliament in Brussels.

The two day conference will include two live studio discussions on the possibilities and future of digital radio from the multimedia radio studio of the European Parliament. The programmes aim to showcase multiplatform and distribution techniques in front of a studio audience of Digital Radio Conference delegates.

The live show in French from 1200-1300 GMT will be followed two hours later (1400-1500 GMT) by a Digital Radio Show in English with international participation including the chairpersons of the DRM and WorldDMB Consortia.

Both the French and English programmes will be carried live on DRM SW 21800 from Ascension Island in the Atlantic Ocean and should be heard in countries like South Africa, Angola, Zambia, Lesotho, Namibia,



Zimbabwe, Botswana, Mozambique. The English programme will also be carried at 1800 GMT into Southern Asia on DRM SW 12085, at the end of the daily regular BBC/DW transmission.

Ruxandra Obreja, DRM Chairperson, says: 'This is an exciting and imaginative undertaking that will demonstrate practically, even if for a short while, to European MPs and radio enthusiasts at thousands of kilometres apart the capacity of DRM to cover huge areas with excellent audio quality programmes. We are grateful to the EBU for the opportunity to showcase, alongside other platforms, that part of DRM, the only standard for all bands below and above 30 MHz, that could offer so much to the radio lovers in Africa.' (DRM Consortium Press Release via Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, Oct 10, dxldyg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB See RUSSIA [non]  
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PROPAGATION  
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TP for 10 Oct 2011 from Victoria: Yuk!

What a difference a day makes, and what NOAA says about propagation is of little value, it seems. A real crap shoot every morning, going from one of my best mornings on Sunday, to one of the worst on Monday. Go figure! (Walt Salmaniw, IRCA via DXLD)

Walt, I've noticed that weather conditions have as much effect as solar/geomagnetic for overall reception and it varies with location.

What killed reception this morning, and is still fairly bad, is a cold front moving in when the humidity is already low. After the winds die down there still seems to be quite a charge in the upper atmosphere, I'm guessing stratosphere or maybe the D layer picks up an induced charge. Dunno for sure.

The noise level goes way up and more distant signals either aren't reflected or are absorbed. Since right now my receiver and antennas are going through almost daily changes I checked with my DX-440 and longwire just to make sure I hadn't forgotten to solder or fried something.

The noise peak moves down in frequency as it clears. at 20:00 local WWV at 5 MHz is still noisier than usual but 10 MHz is in the clear, better than usual and 2.5 is buried in the mud. MW is still trashed and I haven't bothered to check LW.

The only place I've noticed this pattern is in eastern SD and south

western MN. Maybe Rick down in Omaha has noticed the same thing or someone in the prairie Provinces. Spring and fall are the most common times for this to happen. By morning at least the X-band should be clear (Tim Hills, *ibid.*)

Who knows, Tim. Goes to show that we still only know a fraction of what there is to know about propagation, other than some general rules. I'm not sure whether I've noticed local weather having that big of an impact on MW propagation. Still, interesting to think about (Walt Salmaniw, *ibid.*)

Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet to unsettled levels during 03 - 04 October. Activity increased to quiet to minor storm levels on 05 October following a geomagnetic sudden impulse at 05/0742 UTC (19 nT, Boulder USGS magnetometer), with major storm levels observed at high latitudes, due to multiple CME passages at Earth. Activity decreased to quiet to unsettled levels during 06 - 08 October. An increase to quiet to (briefly) active levels occurred on 09 October associated with a solar sector boundary change.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 12 OCT - 07 NOV 2011

Solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels during 12 - 17 October, with a slight chance for moderate levels. An increase to low levels is expected during 18 - 23 October, with a chance for moderate levels and a slight chance for high levels; due to the returns of old Regions 1302 and 1305 on 18 October and 20 October, respectively.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. There will be a slight chance for a proton event at geosynchronous orbit during 18 - 31 October due to the return of old Region 1302.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels during 12 - 27 October. Flux levels are expected to increase to moderate to high levels during 28 October - 01 November in response to coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS) effects. Flux levels are expected to decrease to normal to moderate levels during 02 - 07 November.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet levels during most of the period. However, quiet to unsettled levels are expected during 15 - 17 October, 28 - 30 October, and 03 - 05 November due to CH HSS effects.

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# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html>

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2011-10-11

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|   | 2011 Oct 16 | 115        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2011 Oct 17 | 115        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2011 Oct 18 | 120        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Oct 19 | 125        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Oct 20 | 125        | 5         | 2        |
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|   | 2011 Nov 05 | 120        | 8         | 3        |
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|   | 2011 Nov 07 | 125        | 5         | 2        |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1586, DXLD) ###